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McEwen fails annual health inspection

By Jim DuVernay '03
NEWS WRITER

An inspection by the New York State Department of Health on December 11, 2000 uncovered one critical violation and four minor violations in Hamilton College's McEwen Dining Hall.

Two inspectors from the health department conducted their yearly unannounced inspection in anticipation of the December 31 expiration of the 2000 certification. Hamilton's other dining facilities, including Commons Dining Hall and the Howard Dinner, passed inspection with no violations noted.

McEwen passed the inspection but received a rating of "unsatisfactory" until a reinspection can take place.

Inspectors found two pots of previously cooked sauces in a cooler at a temperature above the appropriate temperature zone, as dictated by the health code. According to the code, sauces must cool within six hours while sitting in depths of no greater than three inches.

Workers immediately corrected this critical violation by discarding the 3-gallon pot of marinara sauce and 7-gallon pot of shrimp gumbo.

"The violation is for not cooling it faster," said Susan Batson, principle sanitarian and supervisor of food service programs for the Oneida County Health Department. "McEwen was written up for the potential harm that could have occurred. If we can stop a dangerous situation from occurring, it is better than waiting for someone to get sick."

Director of Operations for Bon Appetite Management Company, Patrick Raynard, explained that inspectors specifically look for this type of violation and that it is a common problem in the food industry.

"For high-volume services, inspectors are very strict and really look at sauces. Especially with big batches, the internal temperature of an item can vary considerably," he said.

Bon Appetite's General Manager, Annemarie Rossomano, emphasized that students should not worry about food safety at McEwen.

"If anything was not safe, McEwen would not be open. Out of the 10-20 items in the cooler at any one time, only one was out of the safe range. Although this violation is unfortunate, it can happen in the normal course of the day. We have a system of checks and balances in place that would have caught this anyway," she said.

Both Rossomano and Raynard noted that Bon Appetite follows Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) to track products. "HACCP is the industry standard for tracking food from the unloading docks to the trash," Raynard said.

McEwen's Sous Chef, Jeff Golden, characterized the violation as "the kind we will grab before the food makes it out." He added, "It's routine. You always have to temperature check before using any product. Even without the inspectors, we would have checked it anyway."

Batson responded that regardless of the safety checks in place, they could have avoided a problem in the first place. "This is a fairly big problem in food service, but there are ways to cool things faster and more safely. They could have spread the sauces into three inch pans, placed the pots in an ice bath, or even cooled it in a freezer," he said.

Inspectors also recorded four lesser violations of "establishment sanitation, design, and maintenance." These included improper storage of knives, lack of paper towels at handwash station, and improper methods of dispensing ice cream cones and plastic spoons. Rossomano reports that these violations have been addressed and corrected.

Batson noted that while "individually, these minor violations are not much of a threat, all together they can become a concern."

As a result of the violations, Bon Appetite employees have been reminded to more carefully check products in the coolers.

Following the inspection, Executive Chef Reuben Haag conducted a training session for food handlers reiterating the importance of temperature control.

"The college is concerned with the dinning halls and the inspection, but feels Bon Appetite addressed the violations immediately to the best of their ability. The food at McEwen should not pose a threat to students," said Dannelle Parker, assistant director of administrative services for the college.

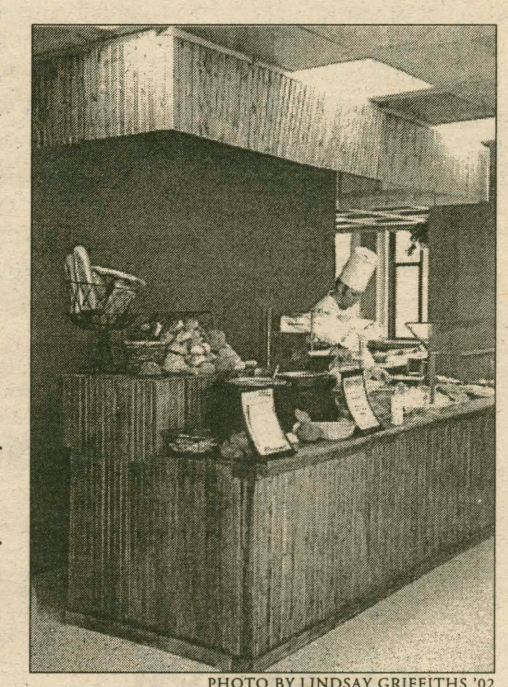

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02
An employee fills the new McEwen sandwich bar.

Students returning after the inter-semester holiday were not made aware of the inspection results, but they did encounter a significantly new look in McEwen. Bon Appetite financed several structural and aesthetic renovations. Most notably, a cooked-to-order themed cuisine has been added, and the concrete walls have been painted a variety of bold shades.

Rossomano described the changes as a step toward a large-scale renovation of McEwen. She added, "We haven't taken anything away, just enhanced our overall service."

Alvanos named new football coach

by Peter Ringel '01
SENIOR EDITOR

It's official!

Hamilton College has chosen former Swathmore Head Football Coach Peter Alvanos to replace Tim Pendergast on the sidelines next season. Alvanos will take over as Head Coach of the Continentals immediately.

Alvanos called Hamilton College President Eugene Tobin and Athletic Director Tom Murphy late Thursday night to inform them of his decision to accept the head coaching position.

Reached at his home in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, on Thursday night, Alvanos confirmed that he is indeed the next coach of the Continentals. "I am extremely excited to be a part of such a great academic institution," said Alvanos. "I am going to continue the success and build upon the foundation Coach Pendergast laid."

Alvanos led Swathmore to a tremendous turnaround in just three seasons before Swathmore abruptly ended its football program after the end of the 2000 season. Arriving at the Pennsylvania school in April of 1998, he dramatically transformed Swathmore into a legitimate football program. Alvanos beat out over 100 other applicants for the Swathmore position in large part because of an impressive resume.

"Peter was the best person for the job and is a tremendous asset to the Hamilton community," said Athletic Director Tom Murphy. "I believe he will continue to improve our football program and take us to the next level."

Alvanos served as the defensive coordinator for the University of Chicago from 1994-1998, before leaving that school to become the Head Coach of Swathmore. In just three seasons at Swathmore, his team made significant gains in nearly every important offensive and defensive statistical category.

"He was my first choice," said Hamilton College President Eugene Tobin. "He has an impeccable background and has been a successful coach at every level. On a number of occasions his teams have overachieved and have played well beyond their expectations."

"He works exceptionally well with admissions officers and has a track record of involving members of the faculty in some part of his program," continued Tobin. "He understands the critical importance of recruiting students whose first priority is to be a student and an athlete second. He also encourages his players to be full members of the community."

Alvanos' hiring comes as a result of Pendergast's resignation last week after his decision to accept Cornell University's Head Coaching position. Pendergast served just one year as head coach leading the Continentals to a 2-6 season. Pendergast's predecessor, Steve Frank, was Hamilton's Head Coach from 1985-1999,

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'Basketbrawl' errupts after Union - Hamilton game

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS EDITOR

The story is not a new one. Violence and sports go hand-in-hand all too often this day and age; however, the sports at Hamilton College had remained more or less violence free until Jan. 19. Hamilton fans, as well as those of the visiting team, had always been able to watch and cheer for their teams in relative peace and harmony. The atmosphere, if not always amiable, at least stayed civil. But this was not the case when the Hamilton College men's basketball team played a tightly contested game against conference rival Union College.

As is usually the case, the visiting Dutchmen brought with them a contingent of their own fans to cheer on their team despite the home court advantage of the Continentals. Approximately 20 Union students, most of whom were intoxicated, spent the entire game heckling the Continentals's players and their fans. Hamilton fans from the "Dog Pound," traditionally outspoken supporters of the Continentals, returned with jeers and chants of their, own and the atmosphere of the game turned decidedly sour.

By the final five minutes of the game, with the two teams playing a very close game, a shouting match between the two groups of students ensued.

As the game wound down, the hostility intensified, and it became clear that some action need to be taken to avoid a potentially dangerous confrontation.

"Over the course of the game, it became obvious to me that there would be a problem," said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalis. "We hauled the Campus Safety Officers who were working the hockey game down to the basketball court."

In addition to the now increased security force, three student security guards began to try to settle down the increasingly out-of-control Union students. The game ended in a 73-69 win for the

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Union, Hamilton fans fight after game, altercation resolved

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Dutchmen, and the Union contingent had various choice words and gestures for the Hamil-ton crowd and players as the game ended.

"Our first priority was to ensure that both teams were able to leave the court safely," explained Ingalls.

A Campus Safety officer personally escorted one Union student who had already instigated a fight during the game out of the Field House.

As the majority of the Union group walked towards the main exit of the Field House, they became mixed in with Hamilton supporters seeking to use the same exit. The details of what followed may never be completely clear, but as the two groups of students mingled, pushing and jostling began to occur, and before long punches were thrown.

Conflicting reports make it difficult to ascertain exactly who pushed and punched whom, but a female Union student who had been one of the most vocally abusive of the group was struck in the face. Other Union students received only minor injuries.

Thanks to the quick action of Campus Safety and the student security guards, the potential danger of the situation was soon alleviated. The large group of people fighting moved outside as many other Hamilton students worked to quell various skirmishes.

"The majority of our students responded in a very positive way," commented Ingalls. "And the Dog Pound itself really acted as a positive influence, as the members came out of their bleachers not to join the fight, but to prevent it."

Before long Campus Safety separated the Union students from the mass of Hamilton fans and told them to board their bus. The Union fans refused to do so until the Kirkland Police Department, whom Ingalls had notified when the confrontation had first began, arrived and threatened the entire Union group with immediate arrest.

The KPD then escorted the bus off of the Hamilton Campus.

Ingalls credited the relatively quick and effective reaction to the incident to the efforts of Campus Safety and the three student security guards, Dan Kaufmann '03, Robert Neff '02, and Mike Richmond '03. She also praised the students of the Dog Pound and the other Hamilton fans, who were able to control themselves and quickly resolve an unfortunate and unpleasant situation.

In the end, a situation that could have resulted in a great number of serious injuries ended with only a few minor ones.

Head Coach accepts position

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before he suddenly "resigned" after the 1999 season.

"I am going to start calling recruits tomorrow and officially introduce myself as the new head coach," admitted Alvanos. "My number one goal right now is to have a team meeting and sit down with each player and get their input as to what's right and wrong with our program. I want the players to feel more comfortable with me so I can address their concerns right away."

Alvanos takes over a program at Hamilton that has struggled in recent years. He will be the third coach in three years for the Continentals. The Continentals have won just three games in the last three years and have a dismal 3-21 record over that period.

Alvanos inherited a team in 1997 that was 0-10 at Swathmore and improved it to 5-5 this season. It is expected that most of the current assistant football coaches will return under Alvanos, including Offensive Coordinator Bill Iannone. Alvanos should arrive at Hamilton by the end of January, but the exact date has not yet been set.

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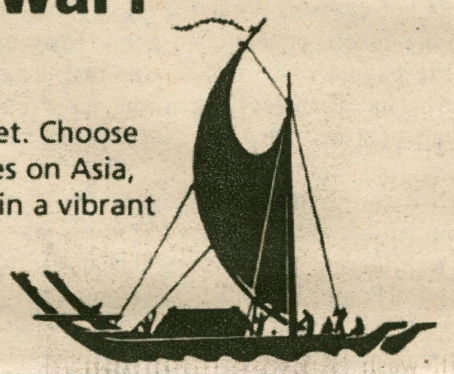

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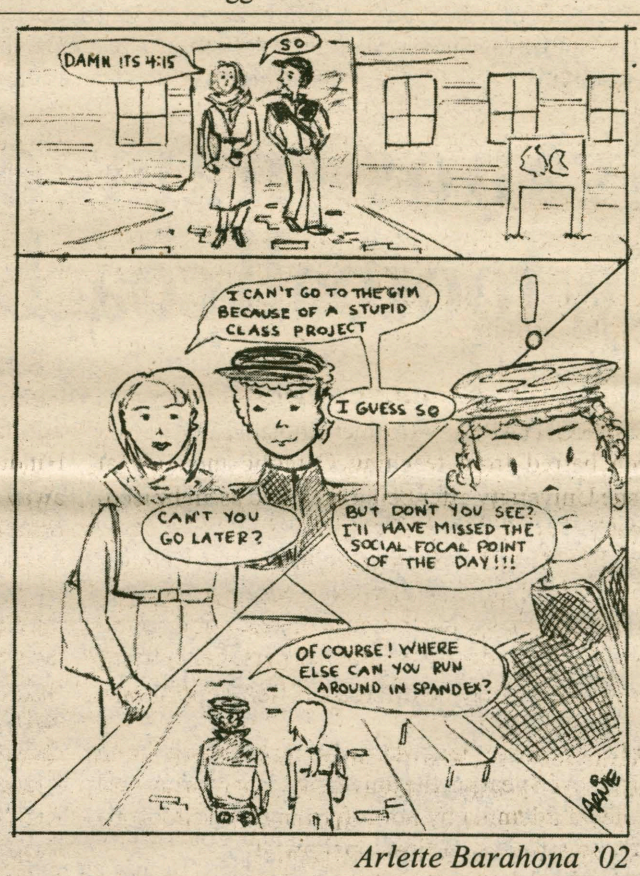
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OF COURSE! WHERE ELSE CAN YOU RUN AROUND IN SPANDEX?

Arlette Barahona '02

Student Assembly Platforms

Brian Cohen '03
Representative
My name is Brian Cohen and I would like to be your class representative, so that I can help the other officers continue the great work, which they have accomplished. These accomplishments were things that you, the members of our, class wanted. And, that would be my objective, to fight for the interests of my peers. Most of you know that I am an outspoken person ready to debate or compete for what I want, and I will use this vigor to fight for you. To get things going, vote for Cohen.

Cameron Johnson '03
Representative
Dear Class of 2003, My name is Cameron Johnson and I would like to be one of your class representatives for this spring semester. I have served as the treasurer and vice president at my high school and have the skills and responsibility to hold such an office. I am also hard working and do care about finding out things you all would like to see changed or done differently. So when you vote please consider me as the best canidate for the job. Respectively, Cameron Johnson

Elizabeth Buckley '02
Representative
I would like to get more involved with the student government and hope to help the juniors have a fun and successful second semester. As a student representative I pledge to attend the meetings, express the views of the Hamilton students, bring ideas to the group that need to be discussed, and seek the input of my fellow students on all issues. I will not be afraid to speak up and voice concerns and issues that require the attention of the administration. My ultimate goal is to enhance the overall quality of life for my fellow students at Hamilton.

Alex Venizelos '03
Representative
Hamilton College Sophomores, do you want to know what is going on around campus? What if you could read about Student Assemblyís decisions in "The Spectator?" Do you want more "Midnight Snacks" - IN BUNDY! How about "The Animal Planet" for your viewing pleasure? These, along with many more ideas, will be just a fraction of my attempt to fulfill our wishes as a class and as a community. Have something to say? Say it. I know you, you know me. Vote Alex VENIZELOS as your sophomore class representative. Wednesday, January 31.

Tyler Sliney '03
Representative
I am seeking this position because I have a strong desire to get involved and contribute positively to strengthening the Hamilton community. I believe I have many new ideas pertaining to the social life on the Hill. I feel the Class of 2003's leadership is doing a terrific job of staying involved and always working to provide new opportunities for the students. If elected as your representative, I know I could work well with the class officers as well as the whole Student Assembly in continuing to improve all facets of life at Hamilton.

Brenna Chiaputti '02
Representative
Last semseter I ran for Student Body president with the intention of promoting communication between students and administration and providing more variety of student activities. I have a lot to offer the Student Assembly and therefore I would like to run for the postition of junior class representative. I am involved in a number of activities including varsity soccer and basketball, writing for the Spectator, partcipating in Alternative Spring Break, and being an Orientation Leader. My invovlement in these activites has given me the cooperative and organizational skills necessary to be a successful class representative. I will dedicate my time and effort to focus on class unity and concerns.

Byron Miller '02
J-Board
"Members of the Class of 2002 First let me thank you for the allowing me the honor and privilege of serving you over the past couple years as President of our class and as Representative to the Student Assembly. Now I would like to ask for your support in running for the recently vacated J-Board position for our class. If allowed to represent you on this board, I pledge to be honest and fair in applying Hamilton rules equally and fairly to everyone. As is the tradition of J Board, I will look at cases individually and not try to

Lauren Reynolds '02
President
Over the past three years I've realized that Hamilton is a great place, but it isn't perfect. There are things we can do; so far I've held leadership positions on a variety of teams and organizations on campus. The most far reaching of all these is Student Assembly. SA has the ability to reach the entire campus and to work on the issues we all care about, like increased tolerance on campus, res life issues, more social events and increased access to the gym for everyone. Hamilton isn't perfect - but you can make it better by voting for Lauren Reynolds.

Eric Boyce '02
Representative
I am Eric Boyce and I'm running for Junior class representative. As we continue in our third year of studies here, I hope you join me in the sentiment that Hamilton is a great place: but can always improve. As a student I have noticed a lack of communication and interaction on our campus; as representative I will strive to remedy this situation. This is one important issue, but my focus as representative would be no address your concerns, class of 2002. On January 31st, I ask you to vote Eric Boyce for Junior class representative so that I can dedicate my time and effort to you and our school.

Israel Ortega '02
Representative
As a member of the junior class, I am eager to work with Student Assembly to make great changes for the school, but particularly for our class. I would like to see more events where we can get together as a class and have fun. For instance, last semester's tailgating party was a big success. If elected junior class representative, I plan to champion for social venues like the tailgating party. The Student Assembly is moving in a greet direction in improving our options, I will make every effort to continue this.

Michael Chiaramonte '02
President
I would like to run for President of the 2002 Student Assembly to promote the various ideas students proposed last semester, such as a student union in ELS and more small-scale social spaces. This is an example of how students including myself are asking the college administration for more social events on campus both with and without alcohol. I am extremely hard working and I have proven myself capable of great responsibility and dynamic leadership as not only a varsity athlete, but also in my position as treasurer, vice president, and ISC member for a fraternity on campus.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by William Fuhrman'04

Cost of birth control pills, lack of insurance coverage surprise college students

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The day she returned from semester break, Kristen Swing made a routine stop at her pharmacy to pick up a prescription. The result, however, was anything but routine.

Swing, a sophomore magazine major at Syracuse University, picked up a two-month prescription of Ortho-Cyclen, a brand of birth control pills. She expected to pay $20 —a $10 insurance co-pay for each month — as she had done since going on the oral contraceptive, commonly referred to as the pill, last summer.

This time, however, the pharmacist requested $60 — $30 for each month.

"I turned to the pharmacist and said, 'Excuse me?' " Swing said. "I was really confused."

Within the past month, Swing had switched insurance companies. She did not, however, expect her switch to translate into a price hike at the pharmacy counter.

What Swing found out that day was something many women have known for a long time — not all insurance companies cover oral contraceptives.

According to data on the WebMD Web site, approximately 42 million American women use birth control. Yet most women using birth control pay for it themselves, according to research from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a New York City and Washington, D.C.-based corporation affiliated with Planned Parenthood. About a third of large group insurance plans cover oral contraceptives, according to a 1994 study by the institute.

Catholic college removes priest

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A former Roman Catholic nun has been barred from teaching Catholic theology at Duquesne University after being ordained as an Episcopal priest.

John E. Murray Jr., president of the Roman Catholic university, said Thursday that Moni McIntyre was removed from the classroom because of her "public repudiation of Catholic doctrine," not her personal beliefs.

Murray said she may be offered a different position in the university.

McIntyre was a nun when she received tenure in 1997 after seven years at the university. But Murray said she created a dilemma by not informing the school she had been ordained as an Episcopal priest.

While the school does not ask its instructors their personal beliefs, Murray said her ordination went a step further, requiring her to repudiate the Catholic faith she taught.

"Everyone knows who we are," Murray said. "We're a Catholic university and we subscribe to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church."

Al Gore accepts visiting journalism professorship at Columbia

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Columbia University will soon be home to Professor Al Gore.

The former vice president will be taking a position as a visiting professor at the Columbia School of Journalism, where he will teach a seminar called Covering National Affairs in the Information Age with the Fred Friendly Professor of Media and Society Richard Wald and Assistant Professor and former New York Times staff writer Craig Wolff.

Gore, who worked as a reporter for the Tennessean from 1973 to 1976 before entering politics will teach his first class on Feb. 6. According to the Associated Press, he will lecture between six to eight times this semester and may return for a second semester.

"It's a wonderful thing and a wonderful opportunity for Columbia," said Associate Dean of the Journalism School Evan Cornog on Wednesday.

Efforts to reach the Dean of the Journalism School Wednesday night were unsuccessful.

Gore will also teach classes at Middle Tennessee State and Fisk University while working on a book, according to Thursday's New York Times. Columbia did not officially announce Gore's plans Wednesday because he had planned to make the announcement himself in Tennessee Thursday.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by William Fuhrman'04

Philippines defense minister resigns

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The new Philippine president confronted coup rumors by telephoning a general Thursday, but her defense minister announced his resignation, alleging the national security adviser was corrupt.

Orlando Mercado's defection was a clear blow to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's administration, especially since she has made clean government a top priority. Her predecessor, Joseph Estrada, was forced out last week amid allegations that he amassed a fortune in bribes and kickbacks.

Although Mercado had planned to resign by Feb. 12 to run for the Senate in general elections scheduled for May, his decision to go early underscored the country's deep political divisions.

He said he was resigning over Macapagal-Arroyo's appointment of Lisandro Abadia as national security adviser, alleging he was tainted by a military corruption scandal four years ago.

Dalai Lama participates in festival

ALLAHABAD, India (AP) — Barefoot and giggling, the Dalai Lama sprinkled himself with water from the Ganges on Thursday, but said it was too cold to join millions of Hindus bathing in their holy river at the world's largest religious gathering.

AP

The Dalai Lama, center left, is joined by another holy man in a special prayer at the confluence of the Ganges.

"I'm very happy to be here," the Dalai Lama told journalists at the Kumbh Mela festival. Asked if he would join the devotees bathing in the icy river, in a centuries-old ceremony Hindus believe will wash away their sins and avoid reincarnation, the Dalai Lama said, "I don't think so. It's too cold."

A festival official said more than 50 million worshippers had visited by late Thursday, and more continued to arrive, drawn by an auspicious astral arrangement that Hindu astrologers say coincides with the Kumbh only once in 144 years. The festival began Jan. 9 and is held every 12 years.

The exiled leader of Tibetan Buddhists, whose followers believe he is the reincarnation of Buddha, had earlier tossed marigolds at schoolchildren who greeted him with garlands.

Court rules on sex harrassment case

ROME (AP) — You must remember this, a kiss is just a kiss. Now, an Italian court says a pat, even on the bottom, is just that — not sexual harassment.

The Court of Cassation, in agreeing with an appeals court ruling overturning a man's conviction, said it found no evidence he intended "an act of libido" and the pat appeared to be an "isolated" incident and "impulsive."

The case involved the manager of a public health agency in northern Italy and a woman employee who claimed the manager threatened to hurt her career if she reported the 1994 incident.

"The truth is that woman had career expectations that I did not favor," the man, whose identity has not been disclosed, was quoted as saying in the Milan daily Corriere della Sera on Thursday. "It was her little revenge."

The man was found guilty by a lower court, which sentenced him to 18 months in prison and a fine of $3,800, but the conviction was overturned on appeal.

"After all I've been through and I've suffered, maybe I would advise another woman not to go to court," the woman, also not identified, told Corriere della Sera.

The decision Wednesday by Italy's highest appeals court — the court that provoked an outcry in 1999 when it ruled that it was impossible to rape a woman wearing tight jeans — brought swift reaction.

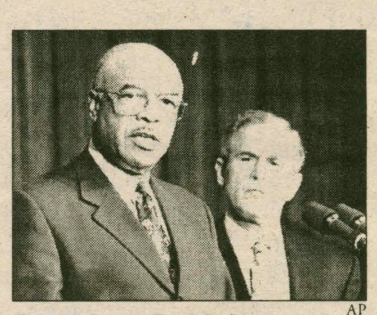
"If 10 different men each give us one single pat on the bottom, should we go home happy?" said Cristina Matranga, a deputy with the conservative Forza Italia party of media magnate Silvio Berlusconi.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by William Fuhrman'04

Bush promotes education reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush promoted a cornerstone of his education package Thursday, telling teachers and parents at a school in a poor section of town that mandatory annual testing of students is "not a tool to punish but a tool to reward."



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President Bush listens to Secretary of Education Rod Paige.

Taking along his wife, Laura, and a few members of Congress, Bush went to Merritt Elementary Extended School, a flat, beige building in a predominantly black part of northeast Washington. One school wall contained a mural and the slogan, "Education — don't leave school without it."

Inside, Bush and the first lady, a former librarian, watched third- and fourth-graders in green-and-white uniforms plow through their assignments. "You're doing English? How's it going?" Bush asked one boy.

Bush turned aside questions about whether federal vouchers that would allow students to transfer out of bad schools are a negotiable part of his education agenda. "I'm sending up a bill that I think is really important," he said.

Bush devoted his first week in office to focusing on schools. Besides unveiling his education plan, he played host to education experts at the White House on Monday and talked about his education agenda during several meetings with lawmakers.

NASA: Atlantis to launch Feb. 7

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA has settled on Feb. 7 as the launch date for space shuttle Atlantis' delayed trip to the international space station.

Atlantis was return to the hangar last week to allow for additional wire inspections. The electrical cables on the shuttle's two booster rockets were found to be in good condition, clearing the way for a return to the launch pad Friday.

Atlantis originally was scheduled for a liftoff last week with the U.S. space station laboratory, Destiny. Because of the three-week delay, Atlantis' next flight has slipped from May to June.

In addition, space shuttle Discovery's launch has been postponed another week, to March 8. During that trip, NASA will take up a new space station crew and bring back the three men currently living on the orbiting complex.

Calif. power-grid watchers busy

FOLSOM, Calif. (AP) — Megawatt hunter Bob Sullivan has promised at least two souvenir T-shirts over the last few weeks to people who came through in a pinch with power to keep the lights on in California homes and businesses.

He's gotten so good at scrounging juice that his colleagues call him "Oombob" — Out-of-Market Bob — and his electron grab has become a daily routine at the California Independent System Operator, which oversees the state's hungry power grid.

For the ninth straight day Wednesday, California declared a Stage 3 power alert, meaning reserves fell to 1.5 percent or lower. Sullivan is one of four or so people on duty at the ISO at any one time responsible for keeping that reserve from falling to zero — a duty that often means finagling for power hour by hour, or half-hour by half-hour, from power traders and generators from Mexico to Canada.

To do that, he searches for suppliers with unused capacity who can crank the generators up a few notches. Sullivan also looks for suppliers who have power that may be committed at the moment, but will become available in the next hour as demand elsewhere wanes — say, in another time zone where a crunch period is winding down.

"I just tell them I'm really hurting and will take anything, even just 5 megawatts," said Sullivan, a self-described adrenaline junkie. One megawatt can power roughly 1,000 homes.

Ensler's *Vagina Monologues* inspires students to act against violence towards women

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
News Writer

Eve Ensler, the writer, organizer, activist, and Obie-award winning author of the off-Broadway show, *The Vagina Monologues*, gave a talk entitled "The Vagina Monologues: Organizing Violence Against Women" on January 23. Two Hamilton students also spoke briefly on the Sexual Assault Center (SAC) here at Hamilton.

Ensler received much acclaim for her work, including a Guggenheim Fellowship Award in Playwriting, the Berrilla-Kerr Award for Playwriting, and the Jury Award for Theater at the 2000 U.S. Comedy Arts Festival. She currently spends time working on her book and play, *The Good Body*.

In her powerful, funny, heartbreaking, inspiring talk, Ensler addressed her attempts to join politics with spirituality. Though she had written political plays for most of her career, *The Vagina Monologues* actually began in the background of some of her other pieces.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Ensler encouraged students to take an active stance againt violence.

In the early stages of writing *The Vagina Monologues*, Ensler conducted interviews with a variety of women of all ages and backgrounds, all off the record. From this work came Ensler's concept of embracing her vagina as the center of her being. Throughout the first run of the show, lines of women would approach Ensler with their personal stories and reactions. Many women who have been beaten, raped, or victims of incest are left disconnected from and afraid of their vaginas, and this fear informs their lives. Ensler says she began to feel like a war photographer in many ways and became determined to do something.

In 1996 Ensler started to think about how she could take action to stop violence against women with the aid of *The Vagina Monologues*. Ensler began to devote her time to lecturing and organizing against violence to women in our society. Her talk at Hamilton was a part of that commitment.

Ensler stresses the fact that many people are afraid of or startled by the word "vagina," though it is not slang or a perverse or dirty word, but a medical term for part of the anatomy. She has especially encountered this kind of nervous reaction from the media. She feels that this reflects a fear of women and that when women express that they are here, they are present, and they count, people are terrified.

The majority of students said they were extremely moved by Ensler and her work. After the talk, many men and women signed up to be a part of SAC or to participate in an informal reading of *The Vagina Monologues* on V-Day next month. There is also a movement on campus to get a bus trip organized so people can attend the V-Day Extravaganza at Madison Square Garden on February 10.

Liora Hoffman '03 saw *The Vagina Monologues* in a New York City theater over the summer and also attended the Hamilton performance. "Ensler is the perfect example of someone who has used her life to help others in an amazing and unique way," she said.

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Three students listen as Ensler presents *The Vagina Monologues*.

Women comprised the bulk of the audience, but a number of men also came. Sophomore Josh Steele, who initially went as a requirement for his theater class, admitted that he was skeptical about going in the beginning, but he says, "I loved it in the end. It was cool and funny." He says he found the talk eye-opening.

Although some of the men expressed discomfort with all the chatting about vaginas, Steele did not, because after all, "It's just a word," he says. Steele especially responded to the quest to end violence against women. "This is important to me, too. I have a mother. I have a girlfriend," he says.

The Hamilton audience experienced far more than an enjoyable evening listening to a talented writer discusses her work. Ensler's thought-provoking views on women, violence, and society left many in the audience responsive to Ensler's challenge to think about these issues in the context of their own lives as well.

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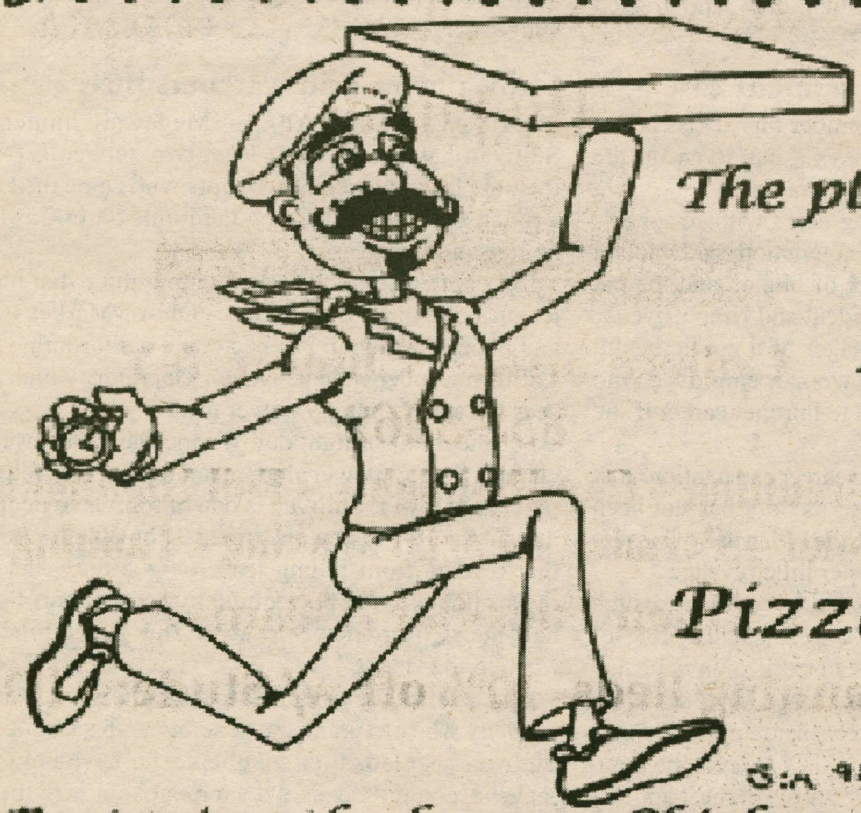

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Editorial

We have much to be proud of here on "The Hill". Hamilton is one of the finest liberal arts schools in the land, shining both academically and athletically. Our students are energetic and willing to learn, our faculty members are knowledgeable and enthusiastic, and our administration relentlessly strives to make this institution a more enjoyable place for all of us.

That said, there is one aspect which every well-respected institution must have that Hamilton has sorely lacked as of late-honor. There have been multiple incidents regarding honor, or lack thereof, especially towards the end of last semester, which have plagued our seemingly safe little society and given the Hamilton community a black eye.

And its puzzling, really. After all, what are we to think when a member of our society sneaks around late at night and writes a bigoted, ignorant message on a fellow Hamilton student's message board? What are we to think when we check our email each night only to find that yet another fellow student has had money stolen from his or her room? What are we to think when there are weekly reports of broken in windows and dented walls in Dunham, Eells, and Bundy-and no one accepts responsibility?

Obviously, as we all know, the masterminds of these immoral acts represent a small minority of the student body. However, our ignoring such despicable acts and writing them off as being isolated incidents not generally reflective of the Hamilton society means ignoring the honor system altogether. While many students have spoken out against such crimes via mass emails, signs, and rallies, we still have a long way to go before we can restore respectability back to our honor system.

If you think you see someone suspiciously nosing around in your neighbor's room, ask them what they are doing. If a drunken fellow student is blatantly defacing school property just for kicks on a Friday night, stop him. If you see someone writing inflammatory comments on another person's message board, turn him in! Simply shaking our heads in disgust and continuing on our merry way is not only unproductive but, more importantly, dishonest.

If we truly want to live in a society in which we can feel safe then we must start actively taking stands against these immoral acts. If we continue to ignore them, we are not only being dishonest with our school, but we are also being dishonest with ourselves. So what if these cowardly acts are being performed by a mere handful of the student body. It is our duty as the moral and honest majority to do everything in our power to make sure that these few idiots don't continue to get away with it.

Until we are able to do that, our 89-year old Honor Code that is so cherished and well-publicized will be sorely lacking true merit. It claims to promote "a rare form of trust between students and faculty as well as binding sense of integrity and responsibility among fellow students." We, as fellow students, are not fulfilling our end of this bargain.

One day on the darkside...

WHAT'S ALL THIS CEMENT?
IT'S THE DARK SIDE. I HAVE A CLASS OVER HERE.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF IT?
I DON'T KNOW. THERE'S NOTHING BUT ARTSY CRAP AND DU.
I'M COLD. LET'S GO HOME.

by Matthew Speer '03

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Insights & Ideas

Arriving

MICHELLE FUCCI

So I'm gliding along a snow-covered field at eighty-five miles per hour on an Arctic Cat snowmobile. (Ok, so today my vertebrae would argue that gliding is not an accurate word.) My stomach has temporarily left my body and a thin chinstrap is the only thing keeping the helmet from hurtlingoff behind me.

I admit that at that point "Carpe Diem" were not the words crossing my lips. But a good back massage and a once-over of the Rosary later, and I was able to recognize the previous day as my first real glimpse of this college thing.

Sure, I mean, I survived my first semester of classes without viciously throwing my textbooks off the bridge, and I got my eighty-dollar boots stuck to a beer-soaked floor at a party, and I made eight snow angels on the Quad during Finals, but still there seemed to be something more than that, something more intangible that I was not yet able to grasp.

It is the type of self-discovery that could only be experienced on the back of a snowmobile. It is about the opportunities that are put right in front of us. It is the split second when we stop weighing the positives and negatives. It is that annoying thought that this chance may never come our way again. It is about telling Jiminy Cricket to shut up for just a little while. It is the act of molding your life into its best.

There are so many opportunities that surround us everyday just because we are here at this school, in this village, in this year. Each day we have the chance to walk across the bridge and take the time to step on every single wooden board. At some point, we may have the chance to go abroad to some place like Tasmania. The opportunities are there, if we just look and listen for them. But that is all they are, opportunities, until we take them.

So go find your snowmobile, and hold on for dear life. You're probably going to be tossed around more than you might like and I will bet you'll be inventing new and vile obscenities like it's your job, but you will not forget the memories for a long time. A relative and very close friend of mine would call this being "Experience Rich." You may refer to it as Carpe Diem. Now, for me, it has something more to do with the applications I filled out last year, the winter coat I bought in September, and the four hour nerve-wracking ride out Route 90 not so long ago.

So on that Sunday, as the sun set behind the mountains, a sheltered girl from Boston got on a snowmobile with her friend. And when he asked her if she wanted to drive for a little while, she didn't hesitate in saying yes. A minute later she was cautiously watching the speedometer inch up towards twenty miles per hour. And although it was almost five months after I first came to Clinton, I had finally arrived at college.

The State of the Union

SETH O'BRYAN

As you are sitting enjoying the feeling of another weekend, I'm in the past, your past, writing an article for *The Spec* at the last second. I'm not even sure if I'll make the deadline. The past couple of days, I've found myself searching for something to write about and yet couldn't find anything with motivation. But here I sit motivated by a comment I heard yesterday in one of my classes. Two girls were talking before class started, and one girl told the other that nobody ever reads *The Spectator* and that nothing good is ever in there.

I'm not going to try and prove her wrong but for some reason it motivates me to make sure the *Insight and Ideas* section stays full of some life. Otherwise it is that negative attitude that will deny creative life. It is that negative attitude that makes me think about how last semester we had these big controversies and people writing letters or articles or speaking out against the alcohol policy or racism or a lack of communication. The popularity of the issues has died down as expected and the peaceful contentedness of Hamilton is back.

That's not to say that there are some people still active, still fired up, still caring, and others that care but just don't know what to do. I'm just commenting on the fact that, to no surprise, the general trend of the campus is back to status quo. The best testament to this fact is that last night in search of finding something to get my mind going, I went on to the cms.hamilton.edu site to check out the "community discussions" forum created last semester in response to the supposed lack of forums to speak out. Surprisingly enough, there's only one posted message this semester. It was an excellent message about Martin Luther King day, so that's cool, but that was it, one message.

Although, I do sense a possible protest coming from WB fans as one the biggest topics of conversation in the first two weeks of school has been the lack of WB. Fans of 7th Heaven and Dawson's Creek must suffer from withdrawal; this includes constant headaches, hallucinations of Joshua Jackson, and a mourning period of letting go while holding onto the past memories of quality television. These complaints leave me wondering what's next? What new great privilege that we have will someone find something wrong with and complain about?

Anyway, enough with the negative energy. On a positive note, a group of students will be going on some field trips with Bev Low to look at student unions of other similar colleges. They hope to find what's successful about those student facilities and figure out what things we can use at Hamilton. This group of students has been working extensively to improve our own student facilities.

Last semester they first worked to get the support of the administration, and at the end of the semester three students, Karsten Lund, Hunter Kurtz, and myself, met with the Trustees to discuss the issue and they were very supportive. Within the next couple of weeks, there will be a forum open to the whole campus to get an update on where everything is headed and to get everyone's input since this is a campus wide issue.

Another update is that mixed drinks will be in the Pub once a month, barring any major changes in the next week. On those nights, you must be 21 to get into the Pub. But remember it's only once a month and on a temporary trial basis. It is a sign of respect and trust that the administration has for the student body. The Pub is one of the best places on campus; last night there was a big turnout for an exceptional jazz band.

On that note, I'd like to mention two aspects of Hamilton College that are part of the reason that we have a quality education experience. Oftentimes, people complain that athletics and the social life involving drinking take away from the educational experience of the college. That belief comes with the assumption that academics are the only source of education at college. Or maybe academics and only certain extracurricular activities are educational. This is not true. Athletics have taught me as much about life as anything else I have ever been a part of it.

First, there's the team experience where you learn to work with other people, trust your teammates, and share an amazing journey with them. As an individual you develop personal characteristics like discipline, responsibility, commitment, and setting goals. If you compete and train long enough you begin to learn things about what you can do and who you are that you never could have seen before. Not to mention the level of confidence that comes from being a well-trained athlete.

The Greeks believed a happy and wise person was someone who was trained mentally, physically, and spiritually. While it's true people can get too caught up in athletics and forget about other priorities, the opposite happens

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Thumbs Up

- On Exhibition
- Bradlee's going out of business sale (99¢ Joey Fatone posters)
- Carol Vessy on *Ed*
- Making Toad cry while playing MarioKart
- Hard Liquor in the Pub
- Craig the snowboarding security guard
- The Question Marquis' French neoclassical mullet

Thumbs Down

- Cafe Combos
- Last chance to watch the trolls at Bradlee's
- The Question Marquis' "Questionable" choice of facial hair
- Acid-Reflux
- Bragging about the Union Basketbrawl to your neanderthal friends, when in truth, Hamilton lost both the game and the Basketbrawl
- The lack of talent at Mastercuts

The Ringel Manifesto: The Trials and Tribulations of One Man's College Journey

by Peter Ringel '01
SENIOR EDITOR

There are so many things both positive and negative that I could say about many people at Hamilton.

I wanted to rant a little bit and wrote this article as part of a larger piece that I did not know if I would ever finish writing.

The following is one man's opinion of various events and people in his nearly four years at Hamilton College.

Favorite professors- Doug Ambrose (History), Ted Eismeier (Government), and Heidi Ravven (Religious Studies).

Professor I've taken most classes with- Ted Eismeier, Government, five (including thesis).

Professor I've taken 2nd most classes with- Heidi Ravven, Religious Studies, three.

Professor I loved but never agreed with- Nancy Rabinowitz, Comparative Literature.

Professor who I believe everyone should take at least once- Cheng Li, Government.

Best professor I had who is no longer at Hamilton- Thomas Bass, Comparative Literature.

Professor who I wished I had taken more classes with- Bob Simon, Philosophy.

Best professor most people have never taken- Lydia Hamessley, Music.

Professor I wish I had taken at least 1 class with- Todd Franklin, Philosophy.

Professor I would have liked to have had, if i had had any interest in economics- Erol Balkan, Economics.

Professor who I always loved chatting with both in and out of class- Doc Woods, Music.

Best professor I had who was not really a professor- Molly Johnson, Psychology.

Professor I was most happy to see got promoted- Heidi Ravven, Religious Studies.

Professor whose children I was most friendly with- Stuart Hirshfield, Computer Science.

Professor with the cutest dog- Richard Powell, Government.

Professor with the cutest children- Doug Ambrose, History.

Administrator whose work I value tremendously (as do most students)- Bev Low, Coordinator of Student Activities.

Administrator I like, but who takes unfair abuse from students- Nancy Thompson, Senior Dean Of Students.

Administrator not afraid to "tell it like it is"- Bryan McGrath, Residential Life.

Favorite coach at Hamilton- Tom Murphy, Men's Basketball.

Coach I did not get to know well, but now wish that I had- Mike Davis, Baseball.

Most entertaining coach- Perry Nizzi, Soccer.

Favorite coch no longer at Hamilton- Steve Frank.

2nd favorite coach no longer at Hamilton- Bill Austin.

Coach who should still be at Hamilton were it not for a meddlesome trustee- Steve Frank.

Most meddlesome trustee- Former Acting President Tom Schwarz.

Worst Public Relations move in the recent history of Hamilton College- President Gene Tobin's decision to announce two years in advance that Tom Murphy was "stepping down" as Athletic Director.

Two of an infinite number of reasons why above decision was a bad public relations move- 1) Murphy did not voluntarily "step down" and 2) Tobin and others falsely tried to present announcement to the Hamilton community as one that should be celebrated, while many students and faculty knew otherwise.

Class that I least enjoyed sitting through- Foundations of Communications

Speaker I most enjoyed seeing at Hamilton- The infamous Oliver North.

Least enjoyable speaker to come to Hamilton- Former South African President F.W. DeKlerk.

Worst Facility that was built during my tenure- The Pavillion.

2nd worst facility built during my tenure- The Annex.

Most ridiculous amount of money spent by the college on one project- The approximately $4 million spent on renovating the Alpha Delta Phi house and transforming it into the Samuel Eells House.

Musical group that I would have most enjoyed seeing had I been a student here in the 1980's, but who came to Hamilton last year- Run-DMC.

Most helpful move Hamilton can make regarding email- Allowing students and administrators a way to block emails that come from a certain organization.

The student who is shamelessly allowed to rant and rave in *The Spectator*- Peter Ringel.

Educational Experience

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just as much: people forget how important athletics are to a person's character and happiness.

The Hamilton social life, be it hanging out at the Pub or Café Opus, someone's room or at a party, is also essential to one's growth as a person. We learn so much from the people around us. Everyone has something different to offer.

However, we also learn so much about ourselves from our interactions with other people. In truth, the social life is a priceless educational experience. Sometimes we have a hard time making that first step in really communication with others, we need that comfort zone to express our ideas, thoughts, perceptions, and emotions. The social settings at Hamilton often create that comfortable connection that is a bridgeway to successful communication and bonding.

As for myself, I know that I have learned and grown so much since I first came here three and a half years ago, and while the academics here are incredible and there is no doubt that I have learned a lot in the classroom, most of my education, my most valuable education has come out of the classroom. On that note, wherever you are, I wish you a good weekend.

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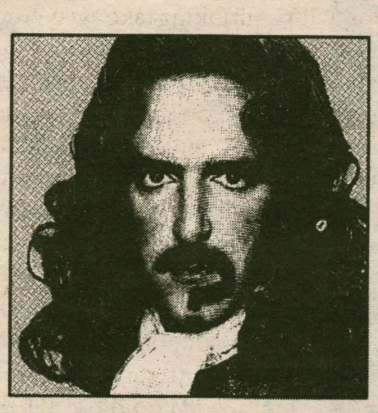

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Ask the Question Marquis

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: My girlfriend seems distant lately. And I can't get her to take off her sunglasses. I wonder if she's seeing someone else. What should I say to her? – Paul in Dallas*

A: Ah, mon ami. I think I can help you with this. Your female is probably feeling that you spend more time with the library than with her delicate, sensuous frame. (I am making the assumptions about her, but for your sake, I hope that I am right, you know?) But you are having many of the research papers, correct? So you have two options to send you on the path toward a satisfactory loving scenario.

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Option 2. You can challenge her to a duel.

Also, what are sunglasses?

"It is the joke of an imbecile who longs to have my knowledge and looks. Challenge the pig to a duel."

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: My friend sent me this photo. I don't get it. Is it a joke, or is it some deeper commentary on the effect of technology on culture? – Cosmo in Grand Rapids*

A: It is the joke of an imbecile who longs to have my knowledge and looks. Challenge the pig to a duel.

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: How come you know about computers and dot.coms, but you've never heard of sunglasses? – Michelle in Boston*

A: Oh, sunglasses. Of course I know sunglasses. I thought you said "St. Molasses." I am not familiar with that one. The patron saint of sorghum? What?

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The Science pages

Fighting with nature: bioterrorism

by Doug Wheeler '03
SCIENCE WRITER

In the technological age it is well known that many of the tools we use can also be harnessed for malignant purposes. Computers, one of the biggest technological advances of our time, can be used to destroy corporations, organizations and governments alike. Safeguards that usually defuse attempts to undermine groups that use computers as weapons, however, are in place.

Other technologies can also be used malignantly. In the wrong hands, the biological sciences can be extremely dangerous. In light of several recent investigations into US bioterrorism preparedness, many government and public heath officials are concerned that the nation is not ready to deal with such an attack.

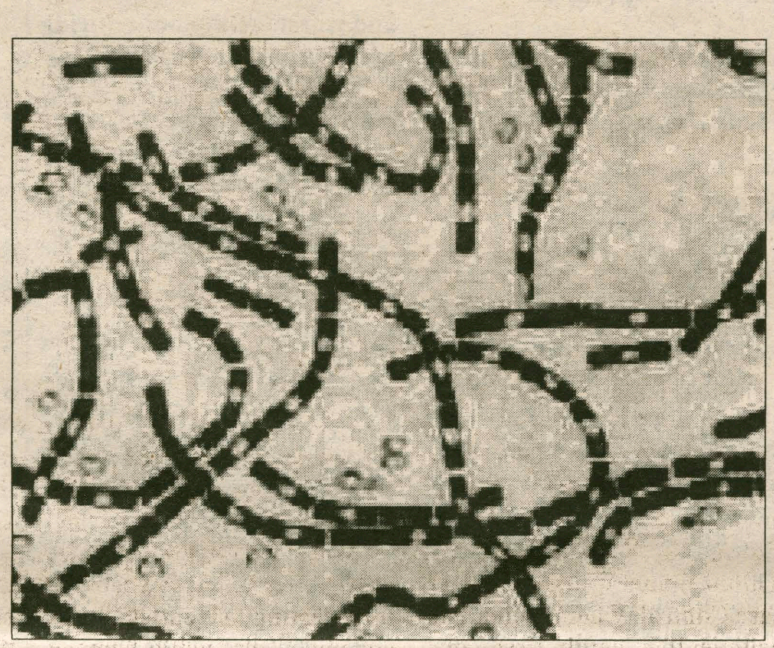
While no major bioterrorist attacks have occurred within the United States, the world's first real bioterrorism scare came in 1995 in the subway tunnels of Tokyo when the cult Aum Shinrikyo terrorized Japanese citizens with an attack of sarin nerve gas. Within weeks of the attack, a handful of governments further evaluated their ability to handle an act of bioterrorism.

Following the Tokyo incident, US legislators formed a sub-committee to deal with the global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The most significant meetings were the 1st and 2nd National Symposia on Medical and Public Health Response to Bioterrorism, held in February 1999 and November 2000, respectively. Both investigated the availability and danger of biological weapons as well as the nation's lack of preparedness in dealing with a biological attack.

The second symposium showcased Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) extolling the virtues of a bill recently signed into law. The "Public Health Threats and Emergencies Act" includes legislation that will increase funding for public health threats such as bioterrorism as well as further coordinate various national organizations in order to synchronize responses to public health situations. Former President Bill Clinton signed this bill into law in November 2000.

It can come in many different shapes and forms. One example was Saddam Hussein's reported stores of anthrax and botulism during the Persian Gulf Conflict in 1991. The most likely tools of bioterrorism are estimated to be anthrax, botulism, or other diseases like smallpox or Yersinia pestis, the bacteria that causes plague.



In addition to explosives, public officials fear terrorism may be carried out with microbes such as these.

The bacteria and viruses that cause these diseases can be delivered by long-range missiles, as feared in the Persian Gulf, or through more stealthy means, such as municipal water supplies, food or air ducts.

A public health system unready to handle bioterrorist situations.

In February 1999, a group of physicians and U.S. Public Health workers constructed a fictitious smallpox outbreak in Baltimore, MD that was designed to estimate how hospitals and public health organizations would react if a terrorist group released smallpox at a political rally.

Following the two-week incubation period of smallpox, when it is transmittable but not yet advanced, hospitals would see a small amount of patients with puzzling symptoms. By the time of diagnosis, unwitting patients could have moved all over the globe. This simulation estimated that an outbreak could go on for two months before being detected.

These observations raised difficult questions about who to vaccinate in the case of an outbreak, whether to close airports, and who to quarantine and where.

In May 2000, another dry run was conducted. This time, real locations were used and response times were tested. The drill, at a cost of $3 million dollars, simultaneously simulated a chemical weapons disaster in Portsmouth, NH, a radiological incident in Washington, D.C. and the release of the bacteria that causes the plague in Denver, CO. An estimated 87 percent of hospitals and far less local and state public health offices were ill prepared for an attack of this magnitude.

Since becoming a threat, bioterrorism has developed into a mainstay of popular culture. Illustrated in films such as *Mission: Impossible 2*, *The Rock* and in novels such as Robin Cook's Contagion and Vector, the public is exposed more and more to this concept.

Biology often serves as a double-edged sword, as advances intended to help could hurt if manipulated in the wrong hands.

Matthew Meselson, co-director of the Harvard Sussex Program on Chemical and Biological Warfare Armament and Arms Limitation, said that bioterrorism is not a U.S. problem, but "a species problem," as all human beings are vulnerable.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FLU

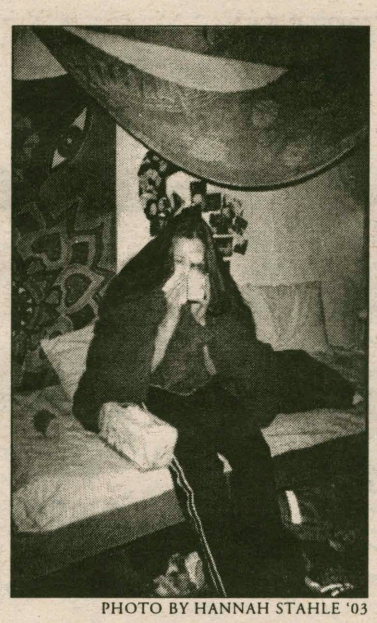
by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE WRITER

Fever, cough, sore throat? It is not a big surprise, as the flu season is now officially in full swing. Lasting from about November to mid-April, January is the peak month for battling the flu in America.

The flu can be especially serious for people with compromised immune systems, including the elderly and individuals with other conditions that complicate fighting off disease. Each year, some 110 thousand people are hospitalized for the flu, and 20 thousand people die each year from complications resulting from the flu.

The flu is caused when the respiratory tract becomes infected with the highly contagious influenza virus.

"Anywhere where there is close proximity, such as on the college campus, the flu rate goes up," said Sharon Dicks, one of the nurse practitioners at the Student Health Center.



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The flu victim embraces nyquil, tissues and bed.

After infection, onset of the flu begins with a fever, muscle aches, cough, headaches, and chills. The infection may last up to two weeks and can also cause sore throat and congestion. Three types of influenza virus are responsible for the over 69 million missed school and work days every year. Types A and B of the virus are responsible for the vast majority of respiratory illnesses every year, as type C exhibits very mild symptoms or none at all.

Even with vaccinations, the flu virus is hard to combat because it mutates and changes from year to year. Both types A and B undergo antigenic "drift." Upon contraction of the flu, the body produces antibodies to fight the virus. These antibodies remain in the body to fight future infections. Because the flu virus mutates, or "drifts," so quickly, the antibodies in the immune system cannot recognize the 'new' virus. This renders the antibodies ineffective. The virus infects the body until new antibodies are made; these antibodies also prove ineffective in combating the next mutation of the virus, and re-infection can occur over and over.

More distressing for flu vaccine producers is antigenic "shift," which occurs only with type A viruses. Antigenic shift is much more devastating, as entire proteins involved in the virus transport are changed, creating an entirely new subtype of the virus. This type of mutation is responsible for epidemics and even worldwide influenza pandemics.

Despite the mutations inherent with the influenza virus, effective vaccines are produced every year to combat the spread of the flu. The Center for Disease Control studies the strains contributing to most of the cases across America and produces vaccines in accordance with these statistics. The vaccine is then made from weakened strains of the virus so that the vaccine itself will not cause infection.

The influenza vaccine is recommended for those at high risk of contracting the virus, such as those over 50 and those with chronic diseases such as diabetes and immunosuppression. Women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during the peak flu season are also urged to get the vaccine.

The vaccine takes about two weeks to build up the body's immunity, but once it does, it is about 70 to 90 percent effective in most adults. The side effects are negligible. They include soreness around the injection site or a slight fever and body aches about 6 to 12 hours after vaccination and persist for no more than two days.

While the vaccine is effective, it must be updated every

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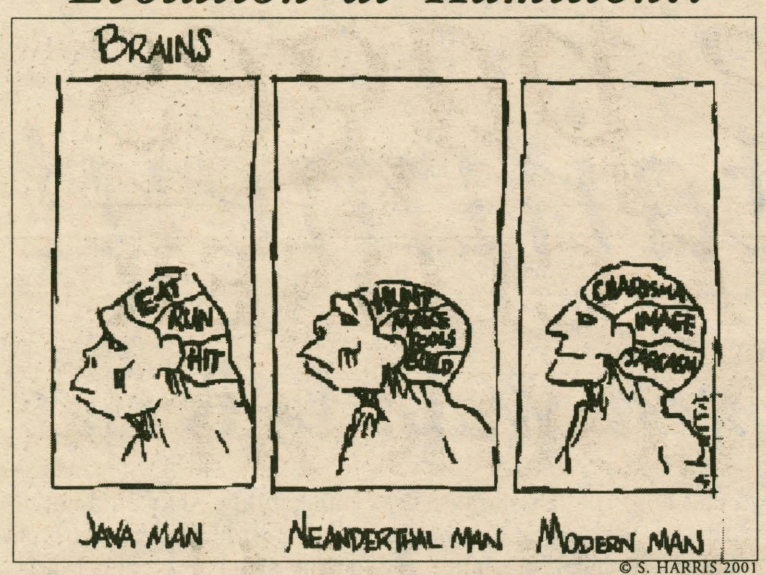
Evolution at Hamilton??



WINTER SCOURGE

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year because of the changes in the virus itself and because antibody production begins to decline after about one year. Because the vaccine is developed about 9 to 10 months before the onset of flu season, it is also possible that the prevalent strains will have mutated enough in the interim to render the vaccine ineffective.

This year, the vaccine was produced and distributed much more slowly than in previous years because of a complication in generating the necessary components. Dicks says that at Hamilton and in all of New York, there have been very few cases of the flu to date. She has only treated one student who has exhibited signs of the flu, although she has treated many cases of flu-like symptoms.

"We really lucked out in this area, because a shortage of the vaccine could be cause for a real epidemic," she added. She encourages anyone who has not received the vaccine to do so because it is not too late. The flu season has not yet reached its peak at Hamilton, so there is still time to build up your immunity.

Maintaining a healthy diet, exercising, getting plenty of sleep, and washing your hands often can sustain your resistance.

Should you contract the virus, minimize your misery by drinking plenty of clear liquids, such as water, juice, and 7-Up. Aspirin, ibuprofen, or acetaminophen can relieve the pain of a sore throat and reduce fever. Gargling with salt water and using over-the-counter cough expectorants and other medications may also help diminish symptoms. Getting plenty of rest reduces recovery time immensely.

Mad cow disease update

A difficult disease hampers European beef industry

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE WRITER

In recent weeks, the battle against mad cow disease has reemerged at the forefront of European health issues, as infected animals were discovered in both Italy and France. Since the disease was officially recognized in 1986, members of the scientific community have devoted much time and energy to researching the cause of the disease and its vectors, or carriers, of infection.

In response to this month's outbreak, health authorities throughout Europe and in the United States have began a serious reevaluation of protection policies in hopes of preventing the further spread of the disease.

Mad cow disease, officially called bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), is thought to have existed, though undocumented, in Europe since the mid-18th century. Since then, BSE has spread to most sheep-breeding countries across the continent, according to the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC). Scientists believe that cattle first contracted BSE by eating feed containing infected tissues from other sheep.

Over many years the disease, which is thought to be caused by an abnormal prion, a protein component of cell surfaces, causes sponge-like holes in the brain tissue of the host. These holes result in a deterioration of brain and spinal tissue, causing severe neurological disorders and eventually death.

Looks like Bessie has really lost her marbles.

When BSE was first identified in the mid-1980s, scientists and doctors were immediately concerned with the human risk of contracting the disease. After extensive laboratory testing, scientists have concluded that while humans do not contract precisely the same disease as infected cattle and other livestock, humans are susceptible to a mutated form of the pathogen, which causes a form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD).

Strong epidemiological evidence has linked exposure to BSE and development of this new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD). First, there have been no reported cases of vCJD in regions free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Second, the interval between the likely initial human consumption of BSE-contaminated food (sometime between 1984 and 1986) and the subsequent first cases of vCJD (1994-1996) is consistent with known incubation periods of CJD.

According to the CDC the first case of vCJD (variant CJD) occurred in the US in early 1994. There have been 87 reported cases of people infected with vCJD disease in the United Kingdom, three in France, and one in Ireland. It is believed that these individuals contracted the disease by eating beef products contaminated by nervous system tissue which harbored BSE.

In recent years several governments have implemented policies to minimize the potential for human-to-human transmission of CJD. The United States has prohibited blood donations from individuals who have lived in or visited the United Kingdom for a cumulative period of 6 months or more during 1980 to 1996 due to the risk of persons serving as "carriers" for the disease.

Last week, a US Food and Drug advisory panel recommended that this ban should be extended to individuals who have lived anywhere in Europe for a cumulative period of 10 years or more since 1980-a proposal which threatened to reduce availability of blood supplies to American hospitals by 25 percent. While the proposal failed, the panel did recommend restrictions on donations from anyone who had lived in France, Portugal, or Ireland for 10 years or more since 1980, according to Newsday.

Although there has been much speculation regarding the potential of a mad cow disease outbreak in the United States, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that bovine spongiform encephalopathy has not been detected in the US.

To prevent BSE from entering the United States, severe restrictions have been placed on the importation of livestock and livestock products. Additionally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention continually monitors incidents of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, due to the speculated link between BSE and vCJD.

Italian beef sales have dropped 70 percent, and BSE tests are estimated at $ 1 billion.

Recent attention focused on preventing the spread of mad cow disease will undoubtedly have additional consequences for the European economy. Figures project that carrying out mandated BSE tests on cattle could cost over $1 billion, severely threatening the agricultural budget of the European Union, the Associated Press reported.

In order to combat the disease, EU countries this month initiated a mass slaughter program, under which two million cattle are likely to be eliminated by the end of June. Responding to the program, slaughterhouses throughout Italy this week participated in a three-day protest. Already, sales of red meat in Italy have dropped by almost 70 percent due to the mad cow scare.

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Arts & Entertainment

Gladiator, Almost Famous score big at Golden Globes

by Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

I was prepared to report how terrible the Golden Globes are and how year in and year out they completely sell out, but by the final award this year I was dumbfounded. The Hollywood Press proved my assumptions wrong. While there were a few Globes I would have awarded differently, I agreed with many of their choices. Let's take a look at the winners and losers and the people to whom I would have given the Globes to.

In the television arena *The West Wing* beat out the likes of *The Sopranos* and *The Practice* to take home the best television drama award. All three of those shows were deserving because each is well written and well acted. It was "The West Wing's" turn, and next year "The Practice" will take home the award.

Sex and the City was the cream of the crop in the Best Television Comedy category and most likely won convincingly.

Robert Downey Jr. was able to leave the hands of the law for a night to pick up a Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Television Series. It is this type of choice that deligitimizes the Globes. Downey Jr. was awarded to get a rise out of the crowd and to give television stations and news shows a soundbite and a story. To say Downey Jr. is more deserving of this award than veterans like David Hyde

PHOTO BY U-WIRE
Kate Hudson flashes her award for the public.

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What Women Want falls flat

by Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

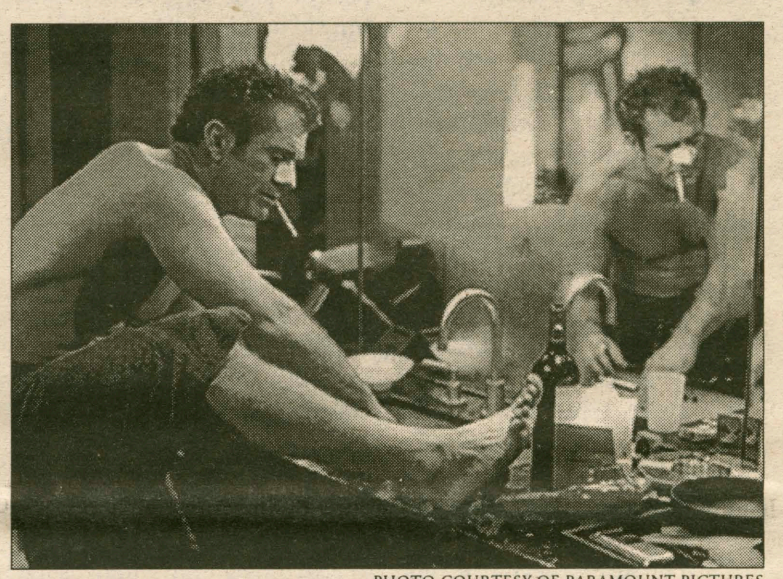
What Women Want is a feather-light comedy based on an age-old question. What do women really want? Nancy Meyers tries to answer this question by using the simple premise of a male chauvinist gaining access to women's thoughts. Though a clever situation, it falls flat in several places, creating an enjoyable yet forgettable film.

Mel Gibson is undoubtedly the star of the film. He exudes charisma and boundless energy. As Nick Marshall, he is the chauvinistic, egotistical, yet devastatingly charming Chicago ad exec who thinks that he is what every woman wants. That is, until an accident blesses him with the power to speak Venutian. After being passed over for Creative Director and losing the job to Darcy Mcguire (Helen Hunt), Marshall makes full use of his newly acquired powers to show Darcy up. Everything goes according to plan, until he falls in love with her.

Along with falling in love, for the very first time Marshall starts empathizing with women. He realizes his callousness and his insensitivity and goes out of his way to help the women around him. His reassuring talk with his daughter (Ashley Johnson) on her prom night as well as his confrontation with a suicidal office messenger reflects his new attitude. The end, however, ruins the mood created by the film. Because it is completely rushed, and in many ways downright clichéd, the film would have been better left incomplete.

This film has a great foundation, yet it still is a few bricks short. Hunt and Gibson save this film with their chemistry and their fluid performances. While Gibson is absolutely irresistible, Hunt's subtlety gives her character a vulnerability you would not really expect in a savvy, cutthroat businesswoman. Neither Marisa Tomei nor Bette Midler are given enough screen time to suit actresses of their caliber. As a result, neither actress is able to make an impression.

As amusing and sweet as this film is, it still lacks the spark of the quintessential romantic comedy, the *Sleepless in Seattle* and *When Harry Met Sally* kind. It lacks that indescribable quality which made those films unforgettable. At the same time, the film is not a bad way to spend a few hours- especially for all Mel Gibson fans!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Mel Gibson finds his feminine side in *What Women Want*.

Low scheduled to drift through Hamilton

by Chris Fogelstrom '03
A&E ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Have you ever listened to a song and been so entranced that you didn't even realize when it ended? If you enjoyed this experience, you may want to check out WHCL's latest concert, *Low*, on February 15th. This Minnesota group's minimalist-approach songwriting will have you tapping your finger, albeit at a snail's pace, and craving more gentle harmonies for quite some time afterwards.

Since their debut LP, *I Could Live in Hope*, was released seven years ago, the band's dedication to their fans has kept them on a rigorous touring schedule; so rigorous in fact that the late 90s saw them playing shows from Iceland tothe United States. Recently, *Low*'s extensive touring began to pay off. The year 2000 saw the band lending their version of the Christmas anthem "The Little Drummer Boy" to The GAP's holiday television commercial.

The millennium also brought internal changes to the band. With the birth of their daughter Hollis, Alan and Mimi have decided that *Low* will not be playing as many venues as they usually include in their tour. "Having a baby on the road is a lot of work, so I hope you'll understand if we don't hit every town, like we seemed to in the past," said Alan. This might have been disappointing news to their fans, if the band weren't being modest about their new touring schedule. The tour will see the band playing

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Plot fails *Save the Last Dance*

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

I could summarize everything that I thought about the movie *Save the Last Dance* in one word: BORING! I walked into the smelly Sangertown cinemas full with high hopes for this film— it is, after all, the top-grossing film of the moment. I thought, hey, even if the plot is cliché, the dancing must be good. I walked out sorely disappointed and half-asleep. The plot was cliché, I wasn't wrong about that. In fact, it was über-cliché; it was the kind of cliché that allows you to guess what line is going to pop out of an actor's mouth before she has even thought it. And, what's more, the dancing in this movie is not great, and it definitely does not make the movie worth seeing. An interesting fact about *Save the Last Dance* is that it is a creation of MTV productions. This says more about it than anything else. Essentially, it is a long music video with much more dialogue.

The story is trivial and hits all the conventions of the genre: a young girl named Sara (Julia Stiles), traumatized by her mother's death, decides to quit ballet. She moves to Chicago to live with her clueless father Roy (Terry Kinney). At the local high school, she is pretty much "the" white girl. This is where "bunhead" Sara is exposed to hip-hop. In particular, Derek (Sean Patrick Thomas) takes a liking to her and teaches her the basics of this dance form which is completely foreign to her. The two fall in love, and, as you may have already guessed, the remainder of the movie deals with whether or not Sara and Derek will be able to keep their relationship despite societal pressures telling them to do otherwise, and whether or not Sara will "follow her dream" and audition for Julliard.

In principle, the idea of two divergent dance forms, hip hop and ballet, coming together is somehow intriguing, but I must say that it is poorly executed in *Save the Last Dance.*

For a movie with the word "dance" in the title, there really wasn't much of it in the film, and what there was of it was disappointing either because of the quality of the dancing or the method in which it was filmed. Julia Stiles's ballet technique is shaky; the hip hop was much better and more interesting to watch. Unfortunately, all the dance scenes in this film, whether the dancing is good or bad, are crippled by highly ineffective editing. The dance se-

PHOTO COURTESY OF MTV PRODUCTIONS
Julia Stiles in *Save The Last Dance*

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Gladiator takes top Globe

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Pierce of *Fraser* or Bradley Whitford of *The West Wing* would be asinine.

Sarah Jessica Parker won the Best Comedic Actress in a Leading Role for her acting in *Sex and the City*, beating out favorites Calista Flockhart of *Ally McBeal* and Jane Kaczmarek of *Malcolm in the Middle*, who I think was the most deserving. On the men's side, Kelsey Grammer deservingly won for his role in *Fraser*.

In the Drama category, Sela Ward took home the Globe for her role in *Once and Again*, beating out the ladies of *The Sopranos*. In probably the closest contest of the night, Martin Sheen won for *The West Wing*, beating out Rob Lowe of the same show, Dylan

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Crowe and Phoenix headline *Gladiator*, winner of the Best Dramatic Film Golden Globe.

McDermott of *The Practice*, and James Gandolfini of *The Sopranos*.

In the cinematic arena, many of the favorites were awarded. In the Foreign Language category, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* beat out the Italian film *Malena* to win the Globe.

The best screenplay of the year was Stephen Gaghan's *Traffic*, and it won the Golden Globe deservingly. This film should not have much competition come Oscar time.

Maybe the biggest surprise of the night was Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon)* beating out the likes of Stephen Soderbergh (*Traffic, Erin Brockovich*) and Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*) to win the Best Director Award. While I do not believe the Academy will vote the same way (Soderbergh will be the favorite for *Traffic*), the award was deserved. This award also makes *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* an Oscar contender for Best Picture.

Goldie Hawn's daughter Kate Hudson took the Best Supporting Actress Award for her role in *Almost Famous*, beating out movie-mate and favorite Frances McDormand and *Traffic's* Catherine Zeta-Jones. This was considered a surprise because of the competition she was up against, but I think her performance was excellent and certainly deserving of the award. On the men's side, Benicio Del-Toro of *Traffic* took home the award. If there was one person I wanted to see win tonight it was Benicio Del-Torro for his role in *Traffic*. It is the best supporting role in a film I have seen since Ralph Feinnes in *Schindler's List*.

In maybe the weakest category of the Globes, Renee Zellweger won the Best Actress in a Comedy Award for her role in the zany *Nurse Bette*. Her performance was solid, and she was certainly better than the competition, including Tracy Ullman of *Small Time Crooks*, Juliette Binoche of *Chocolat*, Sandra Bullock of *Miss Congeniality,* and Brenda Blethyn of *Saving Grace.*

Julia Roberts scored a long-awaited award for her role in *Erin Brockovich*. While I feel that there were performances more deserving of the award, like Laura Linney's role in *You Can Count On Me*, and Ellen Burstyn's drug-addicted character in *Requiem For A Dream,* Roberts is an underrated actress and deserves more recognition than she receives. She takes a number of money-making roles that do not test her acting ability, but this one did, and now that she has won, maybe she will test herself again.

Television-turned-movie star George Clooney captured a Globe for his role as Dapper Dan in the Coen Brothers' *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*. He beat out big name actors like Robert DeNiro (*Meet The Parents*) and Mel Gibson (*What Women Want*) who 's acting was uninspiring.

In the Best Actor in a Motion Picture Drama category, Hollywood insider Tom Hanks beat out the up-and-coming Russell Crowe for his role in *Cast Away*. While Crowe's acting in *Gladiator* was good, it does not compare to the emotional performance he gave in last year's *The Insider*. Thus, Hanks is one up on Crowe going into the Oscars.

There wereno surprises in the Best Film categories. Cameron Crowe's *Almost Famous* beat out *Best In Show, Chicken Run, O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and *Chocolat* in the Best Motion Picture Award Comedy category.

In the Best Motion Picture Drama category, *Gladiator* defeated Traffic in what was most likely an extremely close vote. While *Gladiator* was enjoyable to watch, it lacked the depth and emotion of *Traffic*, a film more suited for the Academy Award voters. Both films are sure to be nominated for Academy Awards, but looking at the results of the Golden Globes, it appears that *Almost Famous*, my favorite film of the year, has a good shot at taking home that little golden statuette on Oscar night.

Low to drift by Hamilton

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an extensive list of venues on more than 2 continents by the end of year.

Low is all about pleasing and appreciating their fans, and they are extremely grateful for the fan base, as is apparent when you visit their website (www.chairkickers.com). Low's attentive fan base, made up mostly of indie rock connoisseurs, has a reason to be so loyal. Behind the website hype and extensive touring is a group with a truly refreshing approach to musicality. In an age when ear splittingguitar and wailing vocals are a staple, *Low*'s gentleness is too different to go unnoticed.

Low's 1997 breakthrough effort *Secret Name* is an archetypal example of their best qualities (ironically, the album was produced by Steve Albini, a producer who's credits include Nirvana's *In Utero*). Alan's single note guitar lines lay a sparse yet constant sonic blanket over Mimi's light percussion and Zak's appropriate bass playing. All of these elements, along with lush vocal harmony, come together at an extremely slow yet weirdly appropriate tempo. The effect is dreamy pop.

Low's unwavering devotion to slow tempos may make their music an acquired taste for some, after one listen it was apparent to me that the only thing difficult to acquire about this band is the knowledge that it exists. *Low*'s latest album, *Things I Lost in the Fire*, is scheduled for release on February 5th. The album promises to be a departure from the band's usual flavor, and even offers up some power chords on the debut single, "Dinosaur Act." Will the seeming accessibility of *Low*'s new music change the flavor of their shows? Doubtful. The show still promises to be the same mesmerizing mix of pensive songs that *Low* has always delivered.

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Allen, Mimi, and Zak are the indie band *Low*.

So if you are looking for something a little bit different to put on your list of Mp3s, check out *Low* with opener *Pedro the Lion* in concert on February 15th in the Annex.

Save the Last Dance falls flat

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quences cut too often to different camera angles, which is distracting, and they are interspersed with too many meaningless close-ups of faces or feet.

In dancing, the most important thing is to see the movement of the body as a whole. These fragmented dance sequences did not glorify the dancing itself. Save the last dance from the editing machine. Besides, most of the scenes in this film do not involve dancing at all. Instead, they involve trite, predictable dialogue delivered by mediocre actors. Terry Kinney is the worst of the lot. He speaks in monotone and never changes facial expression. Stiles and Thomas are generally pretty good, though in some scenes their talent takes a vacation—like the one in which Sara bursts into tears about her mother. Stiles was a little stiff. She enunciated each word perfectly... is this possible for someone who is having an emotional breakdown?

The more I write of this review, the more reasons I think of for not recommending *Save the Last Dance.*

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Psst! Did you hear?

Gossip can put YOU in the headlines

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Gossip: we all do it, however reluctant we may be to admit it. Who hooked up with whom at the last Bundy party, what roommate said what behind your back, why so-and-so wasn't at their 9 a.m. class Friday morning. Whether the comments we make have fact behind them or are just speculation, not a day goes by that we don't hear people talking about others, or do the talking ourselves.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't spread gossip," says Eric Hawkins '04. "I think people's feelings get hurt when they find out things are being said about them, but everyone does it." Liz Ransom '04 shares a similar viewpoint: "I can see why gossip hurts people, but I don't really think they should take what is said to heart. I do gossip a lot but I don't do it to be mean or hurtful. I just like to know what's going on with the people I live with."

Why do we gossip? Well, who can resist the urge to be the first one to report news? Who doesn't want to hear, "I swore I wouldn't tell anyone, but....?" Who doesn't want to know what people think about them and what their friends are doing? In our world of fast-paced technology and high quality entertainment, it's hard to escape.

We read supermarket tabloids, we watch *E!* and *Access Hollywood*, we check up on celebrities' lives on the Internet. We people-watch at the diner, we rehash weekends in Commons on Monday mornings, we stop each other on Martin's Way to get the latest scoop, we scrutinize the freshman facebook.

Kris Mayfield, visiting assistant professor of psychology, explained that gossip is a prevalent behavior because it is often followed by a consequence of attention, usually in the form of more people listening to the "gossiper." "This form of attention can be a very potent social reinforcer because the most effective reinforcers are immediate, contingent, and frequent," says Mayfield, a behavioral psychologist. "People typically show immediate interest and ask questions when someone offers gossip, because the news may be incriminating or in other ways 'juicy.'"

And while gossip may be a lighthearted subject for some, sociologists and anthropologists take it very seriously. "Who we share juicy, important information with defines who is one of us and who is not," says Mitchell Stevens, professor of sociology. "By sharing gossip, we maintain crucial social boundaries. It's a kind of exclusivity – we're creating circles of communication by exchanging information that's important."

At Hamilton, with a student body fewer than 2000, gossip is everywhere. "I've been the victim of gossip way too many times," one freshman said. "People have no problem spreading it, but never have the guts to confront anyone." Gossip isn't exclusive to students, Stevens points out. Although faculty don't hear most student gossip, professors talk amongst themselves. "It's part of everyday life at Hamilton."

So, what do you do if you're the subject of the headlines? The Ms. Demeanor column on www.ivillage.com highlights these tips: Do your best to handle the situation with humor. "Gossip is just something you have to live with and take with a grain of salt," Nick Roberge '03 agrees. "Occasionally, you can even get a good laugh out of it."

Talk to someone you trust. Vent your feelings, and try to find out the truth in the situation. Do you have all the facts? Can you think of a reason someone might be talking about you? "Gossip gets out of control sometimes, especially on a campus this small. Stories tend to get morphed and everyone ends up with false impressions of each other, even people they've never met. Feelings can get hurt," explains Emily Backman '04.

Go directly to the source. Confront the person doing the talking. Ask them their motivation for saying the things they said, or where they got the idea if the gossip is untrue. "People bend the truth and exaggerate," says Mike Johnston '04, "but there is some truth to all lies."

Finally, the most important rule of all: Keep things you want private to yourself! The best way to avoid being talked about is to prevent your peers from gaining access to information they can use against you. So as exciting as last night may have been, unless you want the details to be public knowledge, stay quiet! "I think that with people our age, gossip is a normal part of life to some extent," Jane K. Simmons '04 says. "However, I think it detracts from more interesting conversation when it becomes narrow and petty."

Sometimes, even with your best efforts, it's impossible to keep good gossip to yourself. "Imagine trying to have a relationship with someone and not telling anyone," says Robert Rivers-Benaicha '02. "I only made it a couple weeks." Rivers-Benaicha is an advocate for the timeless adage, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

"It is possible to keep your head down and avoid gossip," he adds. "If you don't want to be the subject of gossip, don't gossip yourself."

But Mayfield says that even if most people ignore a gossiper, the behavior still won't disappear altogether because of the occasional attention received. "We know that behavior is most persistent if it is reinforced on an intermittent schedule," she says.

And while you'll never find gossip amongst the virtues, most find it to be just plain fun. Picture the locker room, the employee break room, or the local bar, where new gossip is exchanged as "a kind of entertainment," adds Stevens. "It's a pleasurable activity where we amuse ourselves by talking about others. A folklorist might think of gossip as everyday storytelling."

True. We must remember, however, that stories have power.

This article includes reporting by Cristen Sargent '01.

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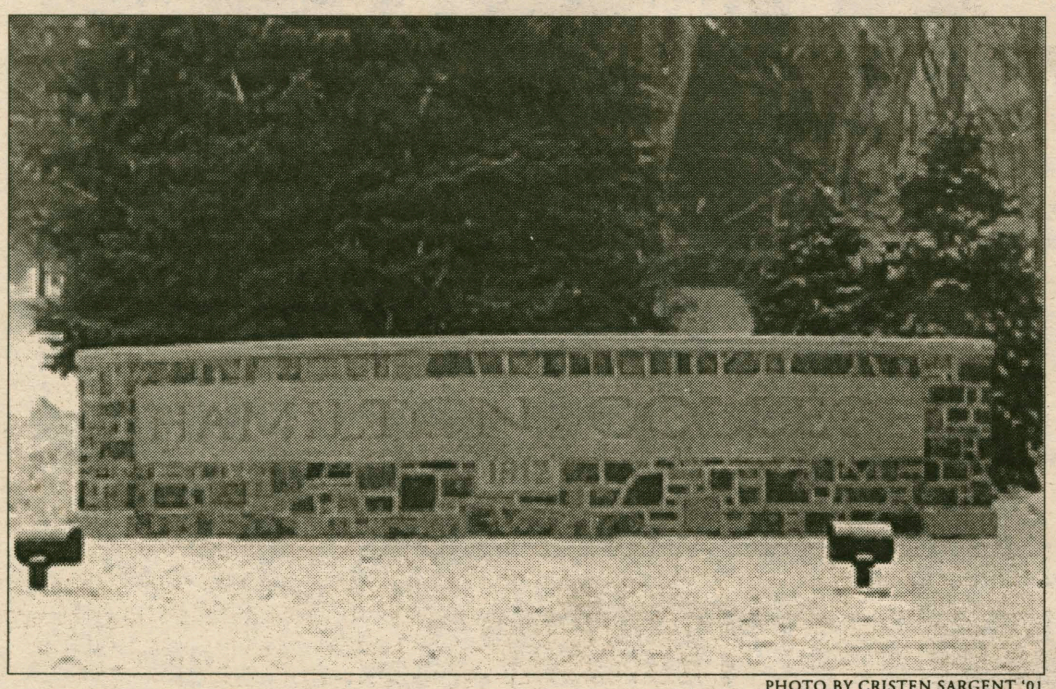

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Women's Hockey falls to Middlebury

by Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend, the Hamilton women's hockey team faced off against perennial powerhouse Middlebury for a tough matchup.

Coach Shannon Bryant said, "We went into the game knowing that Middlebury is a very confident and skilled team. We knew that it was going to be a tough game and most of the game would be played in our end. That is exactly the way the game was played. We could not generate any offense and we had a few lapses."

The Middlebury team took off right from the opening horn with three quick goals in the beginning of the first period. However, Hamilton responded at 16:07 in the first period as Paula Dady '03, off a pass from Eden Self '04, put away Hamilton's first shot on net.

The remainder of the first period was fought primarily in Hamilton's defensive end, with Andrea Cecchinato '01 providing solid play in goal.

The second period brought more explosive offense from Middlebury, but Hamilton's defense played well despite the onslaught. As a result of this tough defense, Middlebury only scored one goal in the second period.

The third period saw Middlebury turn up its attack even more, and the defense of the Continentals became tired.

Middlebury scored three more goals in the third, winning the contest 7-1. Jennifer Kroleski '03 played well in goal for the Continentals during the second and third periods.

Coach Bryant commented on the team's performance, "Overall I am proud of our effort. We played disciplined in our systems and stayed mentally tough throughout the game."

This past week, the team worked on adding a physical element to their game, as well as becomingtougher in the one-on-one battles that occur frequently in games.

The team looks to prepare for their upcoming matches against RIT, University of Vermont, and RPI.

Spectator Athlete of the Week: Kris Fudge

by Brenna Chiaputti '02
SPORTS WRITER

The athlete of the week comes to us from Utica, NY. As a senior on the men's basketball team, Kris Fudge '01 has accumulated some solid statistics and worked his way into the starting line-up this year. "Fudge", as he is more affectionately referred to by his teammates, is averaging 17.3 points and seven rebounds per game, and is shooting 58% from the floor and 85% from the line. With numbers like these it is no wonder that Fudge is considered one of the go-to guys on one the most successful Hamilton basketball squads the school has seen.

Though Kris has awed many with his grace on the court and impressive post-up skills, it is his attitude and work ethic that his fellow players and his coaches respect most about him.

"Fudge has a quiet intensity about the way he approaches the game. He's not a very vocal player but he has a definite presence when he's out there on the floor," said teammate Pat Casey.

When speaking to him personally one is surprised by his quiet demeanor and shyness, especially after seeing the confidence and aggressiveness that he demonstrates on the court. But this is partially what makes him such a coachable and dangerous player.

"He's the silent assassin. If we need him for something he just goes out and does it without any questions. I have seen him grow more confident, stronger, and more assertive over the last two years. There is never any attitude getting in the way of his play," says Assistant coach Randy Torgalski.

Kris began his basketball career at Brockton High School, where his younger brother Brandon is now a sophomore. Fudge played two years there under head coach Norm Stamboli.

In his senior year he was captain of the varsity team and he averaged about twelve points and eight rebounds. After high school Fudge was faced with the decision of attending R.I.T. or Hamilton College.

Not sure whether he wanted to major in computer science, Fudge found his way to Hamilton College and has since chosen to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History.

Fudge says that his favorite things about Hamilton are his teammates, the faculty, and of course, Hamilton basketball.

He also says that he appreciates the location of the school because his mother and his brother can both come see him play.

Although Fudge is unsure about his future plans, he says that he is open to a number of things after he graduates.

One of the possibilities for Fudge is to get a job in business for a year or two and then attend graduate school. When asked if would like to play basketball after college, Fudge said he would like to play for a couple of years.

No matter where Fudge's post-Hamilton adventures will take him, he says that his time here has taught him very valuable lessons, "I've learned that hard work has great rewards."

Women's Basketball searches for consistency

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS EDITOR

The up-and-down season of the Hamilton women's basketball team continued this weekend, as the Continentals dropped a 64-52 decision to Union and then responded by defeating Skidmore the next day by a score of 69-53.

Hoping to use this victory for momentum, the women headed into a Tuesday road showdown with a very tough William Smith team. The Continentals, however, were unable to build upon the solid performance against Skidmore and ended up losing to William Smith, 73-52.

The Union game featured a tightly contested first half, which saw the Hamilton defense contain the dominant big guards of Union.

However, Union responded with defensive intensity of its own and was able to limit the Continentals to only 22 points before half time.

Although the Continentals trailed by only six points at the break, it did not appear that the offense was playing up to its capabilities.

"We spread the ball around a lot," commented Hamilton coach Julie Diehl, "but we missed a lot of easy shots that we should have hit."

The Hamilton offense, usually based soundly on a fast-paced, run-the-floor game, was stymied by the transition defense of the Union players, who did not allow the Hamilton attack to run the court with their usual ease. Instead, the Continentals were forced into a half court offense, and they were unable to successfully execute this slower style of play.

Union, on the other hand, thrived in the plodding tempo, and early in the second half it became apparent that their guards had found a way to score despite the Continentals' best efforts. Union's star guard Katie Smith sliced through Hamilton's interior defense and scored the majority of her 24 points in the paint.

The Continentals, meanwhile, struggled mightily from the floor after half time.

"Our shots just weren't falling against their defense, and they just ended up getting all the bounces to go their way," said Hamilton point guard Jenny Russell '02.

This was indeed the case, as the Continentals clanged their way to 30 percent field goal shooting in the second half. Russell led the team with ten points, but shot only 3-16 from the field.

Small forward Karen Pogonowski '02 contributed nine points, as did 6-2 center Holly Erick '04, who scored on an array of putbacks and short shots in the paint area. Forward Steph Dunn '03 came off the bench to notch four points and pull down a team-leading nine rebounds.

Diehl praised the play of the frontcourt players, especially Erick. On the continuing development of Erick's game, Diehl commented, "Holly is developing more and more every day, and she is becoming a force to be reckoned with."

The next day against Skidmore, the Continentals came out of the gate with a much fiercer defensive intensity and a greater commitment to getting easy fast-break points. This renewed focus led to a solid first half in which Skidmore was able to muster only 19 points on 21 percent shooting. Hamilton, however, was not a great deal better offensively, as it hit only eight field goals in the first half en route to shooting 22 percent.

The lone offensive bright spot in the first half for the Continentals was the play of shooting guard Lindsey Schantz '03, who entered the game and hit on her first two field goal attempts, a three pointer and a long two-point jump shot.

"We did not start the game well offensively," explained Diehl, "but Schantz was able to come in and provide a spark for the offense."

In the second half everyone seemed to take Schantz's cue, as both offenses came alive and began to play entertaining and fluid basketball.

The majority of Hamilton's offense came from Pogonowski and shooting guard Brenna Chiaputti '02, who led the Continentals' suddenly high-powered offensive attack with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

In addition to shooting 4-5 from beyond the three-point arc, Pogonowski grabbed six boards. Hamilton was able to collect 48 rebounds in total.

Russell orchestrated the offense effectively from the point guard spot, finding her teammates for a team-high six assists.

"The offense was very active in the second half," explained forward Avery Anderson '03, "and we were able to knock down our shots, especially Karen and Brenna."

Coach Diehl agreed with this assessment and said, "We got a lot of shots on the break, and they just weren't guarding the perimeter well, and we took advantage."

The Continentals scored a season-best 47 second half points and lit up the Skidmore defense by shooting a blazing 45 percent from the field.

They also knocked down their three pointers at an astonishing 62 percent clip.

After such an impressive half of basketball against Skidmore, Hamilton looked to begin a winning streak at William Smith against a very skilled and disciplined team.

The Continentals certainly hoped to focus on carrying the offensive success from the Skidmore game into the match up, but this was simply not to be.

Instead of picking up where they left off, the Hamilton shooters went ice cold from the floor, and the fast break points were almost non-existent. This combination led to a measly 17 points produced by the Continental offense in the first half.

"We really struggled offensively in the first half," commented Diehl. "We missed a ton of easy layups, and that was demoralizing."

The Hamilton offense was able to get going a little in the second half, but it was not nearly enough to overcome the solid, all-around play by the William Smith squad.

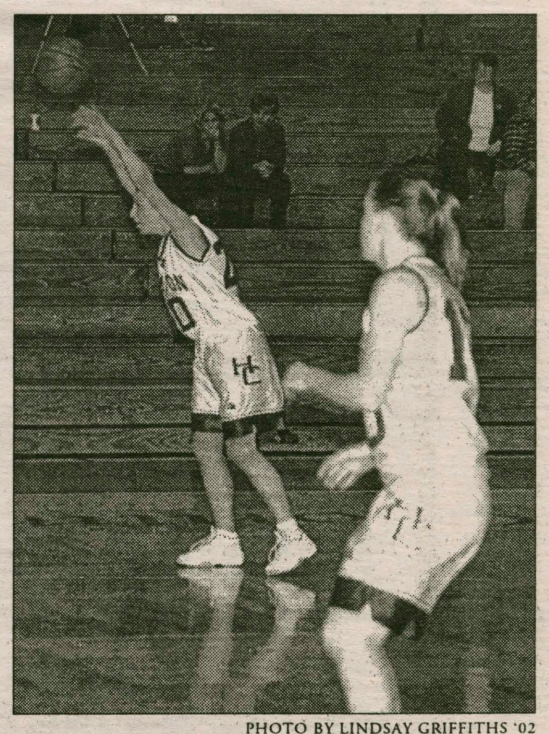
Russell finished the game with a team-high twelve points, but she was not impressed by the overall performance of the team, and said, "It was kind of a step back for us; we lost our focus. They were not a better team than us, and we did not play our best basketball at all."

Diehl also blamed a lack of focus and intensity, saying, "The defensive intensity was not there, and offensively we were going into transition before the ball was even off the rim."

And so the Hamilton women will seek some consistency as they head into what promises to be an important and exciting weekend of basketball here on The Hill.

The Continentals play host to two conference rivals, including the 14-1 St. Lawrence Saints on Friday and the 5-9 Clarkson Golden Knights on Saturday.

The Continentals will have a chance to establish themselves as real contenders in the UCAA with two wins, so come down to the Field House and watch the ever-improving women's basketball team continue its search for consistency and victories this weekend.



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Hamilton's Brenna Chiaputti '02 passes the ball to a teammate against Union as spectators look on.

Squash takes on top-ranked opponents

Freshmen gain experience against Cornell, Yale

by Prashant Sadarangani '04
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's squash team finished December with a 2-1 record and a high level of confidence going into the second semester.

Their record includes a big win over Rochester just before the break.

However, the men had a daunting task ahead of them, including matches against two of the best schools in the country.

Hamilton took on Cornell and Yale this past weekend at the Belkin International squash courts at Cornell.

Cornell, ranked eighth in the country, was too good for Hamilton, as they beat the Continentals 9-0.

However, Coach Jamie King was optimistic and said, "I am excited about the future. There may be a few bumps right now, but this will provide the required dividends in the long run."

The Hamilton men's team consists of four freshmen, as well as one sophomore, and one senior in the top six.

King continued, "Keeping this young team in mind, we are gaining all the necessary experience and I am positive about the players."

After the disappointing loss, Hamilton then played Yale, which has a squash program that is highly respected in the national rankings and is ranked fourth in the country.

Though the team played well, the men dropped another 9-0 decision against Yale.

The youngsters on the team put forth a tremendous effort.

Chip Baker '04 and John Murphy '04 played extremely well in hard-fought matches against well-experienced players.

King commented, "Many players are transitioning from high school to college and this indeed will take some time. Only Murphy and Baker have had previous high school squash experience," King continued, " while Varun Vasudeva '04 and Jeff Richards '03 are completely new to the game."

The women did not have much luck against Cornell and Yale, as they finished the weekend losing by the same margin.

Ashley Kennedy '04 and Liz Fallon '04 were extremely impressive in their matches, as they went down to Melinda Lee, 3-0, and Kate Lyltle of Cornell, 3-0, respectively.

After their matches King said, "We have lost a number of seniors, but I am encouraged by the hard work ethic and enormous talent present on this team.

"I see them improving greatly as the season goes on," King added.

The men next take on Stanford, Haverford, and Connecticut College and University of California, Berkeley at the Yale squash courts.

The women will play Connecticut College and Bates.

The men also have a home game against rival Colgate on Tuesday; the women take on Saint Lawrence on February 7th.

Both teams will seek to continue improving their skills in these upcoming matches.

Swimming loses heart-breaker to Amherst

by Jared Frank '01
SPORTS WRITER

Both the men's and women's swim teams finally met their match this past weekend against Amherst College. Though the teams swam well, they came up short, as the men's team lost 130-109, and the women were defeated 127-104.

"The team doesn't like to lose, but the loss does not carry that much weight with us," commented Stewart Wright '01. "Our goal for the season was not to win this one meet, it was to have a successful complete season."

So far the men are having a successful season with a record of 4-1. Eric Schwenker '02 was a standout performer for the men, placing first in the 200 free with a time of 1:56.79. Andy Schultz '02 (500 freestyle) and Jeff Wilson '04 also turned in solid performances.

Wright continued, "Many people swam well and this meet is a good step on the way to a potentially very successful season."

The women fell to 2-3 for the season with the loss to Amherst. The standout performers for the women's team included Maria Choi '03, who swam her personal best time , winning the 200 breaststroke.

Sarah McDermott '04 also placed first in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:17. Hamilton also took the 500 freestyle with Brooke Hagerty '02 in a time of 5:31.92. The women's divers also performed exceptionally well. Emily Coleman '01, Korey O'Malley '01, Lindsay Fowler '04, and Elizabeth Lamdin '03 all had outstanding performances.

Jen Kunz '01 commented, "It was an important meet for us. We may not have won but a lot of us swam some of our best personal times of the year. We feel confident that when we face Amherst at the finals we will have the upper hand."

The men were unbeaten until this meet against Amherst. Both teams are looking forward to this weekend's meet against Union College.

Wright commented, "I feel extremely confident about this upcoming meet against Union this weekend. We are looking forward to getting back to our winning tradition." Union's men's record is 2-5 for the season. The women also face a 2-5 Union squad.

Coleman commented, "We have been practicing really hard this week. We should be ready for Union as well as the Diving Invitational."

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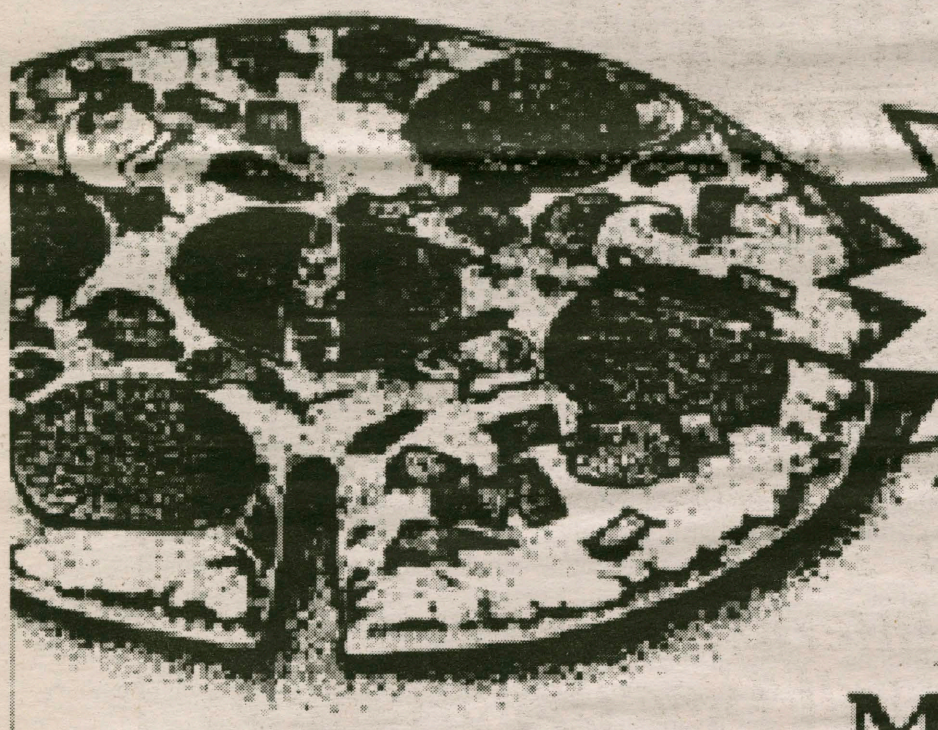

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From behind bars to Super Bowl XXXV

The struggle and triumph of Giants QB Kerry Collins

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The Point After

He does not possess the arm strength or size of Daunte Culpepper. His scrambling ability is nowhere near the likes of Donovan McNabb.

He has not developed the penchant for heart-stopping comebacks like Jake Plummer. What Kerry Collins has done is transformed a perpetually leaderless offense into one with a four star general at the helm, and it was only two years ago that that general almost went MIA for good.

The story of Kerry Collins is incredible to say the least. In a span of two years, Collins was labeled an alcoholic, a racist, and a quitter. In the NFL, there are few adjectives worse than those.

The term "alcoholic" would suggest a person who cannot handle the pressures of the everyday NFL life. A "racist" is someone who does not have enough confidence in himself, and is forced to put other people down to feel superior.

A quitter is someone who has given up not only on himself, but also every other player who stood by him in the trenches and every coach who believed him to be the team's leader.

The most disturbing sight of the tumultuous two years was after the drunk driving arrest in New Orleans, when a seemingly careless Collins walked out of prison smoking a cigar and wearing a Hawaiian shirt.

At that moment many thought that the career of Kerry Collins was effectively finished. When many star athletes and entertainers finish rehab, you can tell that they will eventually drift back to the evil that destroyed his/her life in the first place.

John Daly, Darryl Strawberry, and Robert Downey, Jr. are all examples of people who do not convince us when they say they are clean.

This was the problem facing Collins when he walked into his meeting with Giants president Wellington Mara, General Manager Ernie Accorsi, scout Rudy Goldberg, and head coach Jim Fassel.

It was time for the real Kerry Collins to step forward. He stood before the Giants front office and said he was ready to be not only the starting quarterback, but a team leader as well.

Collins then faced a much more difficult task.

He had to prove to his teammates that he was not a quitter, a racist, or an alcoholic. It did not take long for the Giants to see that Collins was serious, and his goal was to lead them back toward respectability.

In his second season with the "G-Men," he has done much more than that. By throwing for 3600 yards and 22 TD's, Collins fulfilled the promise of being a first round, fifth overall draft selection.

Watching Collins is not all statistics though. Collins' vision and understanding of his liabilities are among the very best in the NFL. He works to all of his options, holding his ground in the pocket until he is forced to throw it away. Collins is not fast, and thus trusts his lineman to protect him.

He does not force plays or attempt to scamper out of the pocket foolishly.

His ability to make good decisions has led to a new-found confidence for the Giants offensive unit, which has floundered since the days of Phil Simms. This past Monday a mature Kerry Collins took the podium in Tampa and faced the media.

He brought up all aspects of his past, including his carelessness in telling an offensive joke to African-American teammates, his inability to cope with the pressures that accompany a high first round selection, and the disease that is alcoholism.

His face was stern and straight, and there was no wavering in his voice. He accepted responsibility for his actions and thanked everyone who believed in him.

In those ten minutes he reaffirmed what everyone who watched him play this year already knew, that Kerry Collins is rehabilitated.

Collins readily admits that he will never be out of the woods. Alcoholism is something that hangs with an individual for a lifetime. Being labeled a racist is something that haunts a person and can only be temporarily forgotten.

The quitter label, though, is something that is a part of Collins' past and will forever remain there.

Anyone who has watched Collins play this past season knows that he is committed to this team for the long haul.

The voyage ended this past week when Collins stepped off the plane in Tampa for the Super Bowl.

He was now something that none of the other arguably more talented quarterbacks mentioned above are-a Super Bowl quarterback. Every person who gets to the big game is there to win, and Kerry Collins is no different.

For all of his triumphs on the field, Collins' sweetest victory is walking into the huddle and seeing ten men who believe that he is going to lead them to victory.

Two years ago when Collins inked a contract with the Giants for four years, $16 million, many people were outraged and called him the most overpaid player of all time. Right now Kerry Collins is one of the most underpaid players in all of football.

Underpaid not only in terms of his great statistics, but also in terms of what he means to the Giants.

From jailed and teamless to on top of the sports world in a span of two years, Kerry Collins is a true sports success story.

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Portland at Minnesota 1/27	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers	Timberwolves
Dallas at Denver 1/27	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs	Mavs
L.A. at New York 1/28	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Lakers	Knicks
Philadelphia at Indiana 1/28	Pacers	76ers	76ers	76ers	76ers	76ers
NCAA						
Notre Dame at Georgetown 1/28	Hoyas	Hoyas	Irish	Hoyas	Irish	Hoyas
Virginia at Clemson 1/28	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Cavaliers
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Men's Hoops falls in OT

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(in regulation)," said Coach Murphy. "Hobart out-rebounded us by ten, as they should have since they are a lot taller than us. Our defense was awfully good, but its tough win when the ball doesn't go in. We've just got to keep playing. The league is pretty balanced this year, and every game is a war. These are good teams we've been losing to."

The loss to Hobart dropped the Continentals to 3-2 in the league, 8-4 overall.

All things considered, what with the team-wide shooting slump and the injury of invaluable senior co-captain Brendan Ferretti, there is reason for optimism.

Coach Murphy expects Ferretti to play this weekend, as the Continentals play two more crucial home games against St. Lawrence and Clarkson. "He's going to try and play this weekend. He practiced some this week and didn't look too bad. I know its frustrating for him because he's worked so hard. We just don't want him to do any permanent damage to his back."

Should Ferretti return to full strength that will take some of the pressure off of McCarthy to have to carry so much of the shooting load from the wing.

However, regardless of whether Ferretti does return to full strength, or not Coach Murphy has plenty of confidence in McCarthy.

"McCarthy just needs to break out of it," said Murphy. "Obviously he's not missing shots on purpose. He just needs to make a couple and he'll be fine. I have lots of confidence in him."

Perhaps these sentiments regarding McCarthy were a microcosm for the entire team.

The Continentals just need to break out of the shooting slump that they're in, and more than likely they will be fine.

These things have a way of evening out in basketball.

Relay mishap forces Men's Track to tie with Oswego

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

The men's indoor track and field team left Thursday's meet a bit stunned.

In the final race of the evening, the 4x200, the team only needed to make it around the track to win the meet.

The baton failed to cooperate, and fell off the track, leaving the relay team disqualified and the overall team tied for first with SUNY Oswego.

Despite this disappointment, there were still many strong performances by the men's team.

Captains Scott Taylor '01 and Sam Brown '01, as well as Ryan Palmitesso '03, led the team with a victory each.

Brown won the 1000 meter run with a time of 2:39.56.

Taylor captured the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:17.21.

Palmitesso captured the high jump with a jump of 1.78 meters.

John Damaske '02 joined Taylor and Brown in their races, taking two third places with a time of 2:46.5 in the 1000 and 4:21.4 in the 1500.

Damaske also ran a leg on the men's victorious 4x800.

Also on the 4x800 were Ryan Murelli '02 and Paul Jones '03, who also finished second and third in the 800 meter run.

PHOTO BY SAGE BISSELL '02

The men outran Oswego and New Paltz for most of the meet, but a late error allowed Oswego to pull even.

Murelli ran a 2:06.45 while Jones followed closely with a 2:07.52.

Captain Karl Bressler '01 took 4th in the 800 with a time of 2:12.13.

Doug Zeyak '02, a member of the triumphant 4x800, also took second place in the 500 with a 1:11.44.

Seth O'Bryan '01 and Dave Salmon '01 came in 5th and 6th in the 500 with times of 1:14.31 and 1:21.75.

Mike Thompson '03 in his first race of the season took second place in the 400 with a time of 53.71.

Darren Block '01 followed him in 4th place with a 55.26.

Andrew "Goon" Magoun '03 took second place in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.80, and Tom Alberi '03 followed him with a time of 9.35.

Alberi also took second in the high jump with a jump of 1.73.

Elijah "Juice" Huling '04, who was named UCAA Runner of the Week, took a pair of second places for the team, one in the 200 meter dash with a 23.81 and the other in the 55 meter dash with a 6.89.

When asked about receiving UCAA honors, Huling replied, "I was very excited about receiving news of the award, but I have to keep in mind that this is the beginning of the season and I have a lot of improving to do."

Huling also commented on the meet, saying, "Everybody did their best and it came down to the last event; unfortunately, we just couldn't pull it out."

Marc Petrivelli '01 also had strong performances in the 200 and the 55.

Petrivelli came in 3rd in the 55 with 6.99. Dave Cost '03, James Cole '01, and Tony Coudert '01 all had solid runs in the 200 and the 55.

Nate Arnold '02 and Steve Guditus '01 contended in the 3000 meter run with times of 10:07.85 and 10:19.83.

Cost, who in addition to being sprinter is a prospective pole-vaulter, remarked on the team, "There's a lot of heart on this team, and that's the reason for our success so far this year."

Hamilton placed many individuals in the field events in addition to the running events.

Andy Inglis '01 finished second in the pole vault with a personal record of 3.35 meters.

Petrivelli, in addition to his sprints, took second in the long jump with a jump of 5.76 meters and second in the triple jump with a jump of 10.73 meters.

Palmitesso took 4th in the 35lb weight throw and second in the shot put, in addition to his victory in the high jump.

Palmitesso threw the weight 8.58 meters and the shot put 11.36 meters.

Greg Zalasky '04, who competed in the 55 meter dash, also took 4th in the long jump with a jump of 5.13 meters.

Sandro Mei '04 had some nice showings with a 3rd place finish in the triple jump and a 4th place in the shot put.

Mei jumped 10.17 meters, threw the weight 9.94 meters, and threw the shot put 9.76 meters.

Assistant Coach Christian Weigandt commented, "It's still early in the season but we've already experienced good performances in both of our dual meets.

Tying with Oswego was a bit of a disappointment, but once we work the kinks out, we should be able to compete at a high level in our conference meets."

Women's Track breezes past Oswego and New Paltz

Team gears up for stiff competiton at Hamilton Invitational

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's indoor track and field team defeated SUNY Oswego and SUNY New Paltz last Thursday with a score of 136.5 points, while Oswego and New Paltz had scores of 116.5 and 57 points.

Maggie Hanson '02, tri-captains Cristina Freyre '02, Lynn Myrth '02, and Jen Cammarano '03 led the team by each recording first place finishes.

Hanson finished first in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 3:01.22, which qualified her for ECACs, while tri-captain Emily Hill '01 finished in third place with a time of 3:25.66.

Cammarano finished first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:25.94, which qualified her for NYSCTCs, while Amanda Chase '03 finished 1.07 seconds behind Cammarano in second place.

Lauren Perkins '04 and Chase joined Hanson and Cammarano to make up the winning 4x800-meter relay team, which had a time of 10:16.32, which qualified it for ECAC's.

"The team performed very well, especially since it was a Thursday and a lot of people weren't doing their usual events," praised Hanson.

Freyre finished first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.13 seconds, while Lizzy Fazio '04 and seniors Janet Davis '01 and Marian Miller '01 finished second, seventh, and fourteenth.

Freyre, Myrth, Andrea Stroud '03, and Fazio made up the winning 800-meter relay team with a time of 1:59.66.

This time put them just .35 seconds ahead of the other Hamilton 800-meter relay team, which included Tricia Kowalski '03, Meg Swertlow '04, Davis, and Jane Taylor '04. Myrth also placed first in the 55-meter dash with a time of 8.02 seconds, with Freyre and Fazio finishing in second and fourth.

In other sprint events Stroud and Gill Chapman '04 finished first and second in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:07.69 and 1:08.04.

In the 500-meter dash Kowalski, Swertlow, and Taylor finished first, third, and fourth with times of 1:25.66, 1:31.28, and 1:32.8, respectively.

In the field events Anna Arnold '04 led the way with a first place finish in the triple jump with a distance of 10.08 meters. In the shot put Courtney Robbins '03, Chapman, and Melissa Carlinhos '04 finished third, fifth, and sixth with distances of 9.16, 7.84, and 7.36 meters.

Robbins and Carlinhos also finished second and third in the weight throw with throws of 8.32 and 5.86 meters.

"I felt like the team came together last Thursday to win a relatively close meet over Oswego and New Paltz. The team put in some strong performances," said Hill.

In the other field events, Davis finished third in the long jump with a distance of 4.10 meters. Barb Dalgish '03 finished second in the pole vault with a height of 2.10 meters.

She and Chapman finished fifth and seventh in the high jump with heights of 1.31 and 1.06 meters.

In the distance events Kate Nelson '01 finished first in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:30.44, which qualified her for ECACs.

In the 1,500-meter run Alyson Grant '04 also finished first with a time of 4:57.19, which qualified her for ECACs, while Perkins finished fourth with a time of 5:22.16.

Coach Ellen Hull commented, "The team has performed well even though the practices right before meets aren't any easier than other practices."

On Sunday the team hosts the Hamilton Invitational and will be competing against Ithaca College, RIT, and four SUNY schools: Geneseo, Cortland, Brockport, and Oswego. Ithaca, Geneseo, and Hamilton finished first, second, and third in the NYSCTC Championships last year.

"Geneseo and Ithaca are very strong every year, and this meet will be a good challenge for the team," remarked Hull.

Hanson added, "Ithaca has a huge team and lots of depth, and Geneseo usually has a team similar to ours."

Returning to the team are Sherri Hamlette '01, last year's top shot putter and thrower, and Julie Elmuccio '02, last year's top triple jumper, hurdler, and long jumper.

With Hamlette and Elmuccio back and the team looking very strong, Sunday's meet should very interesting.

Hill remarked, "The teams coming to the Hamilton Invite are some of our best competition in the state.

It should therefore be a good opportunity to improve times or marks and try to qualify for the championship meets later on in the season."

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The women's track team blows by the competition from SUNY Oswego and New Paltz during their recent race at Hamilton. They will host the Hamilton Invitational this Sunday.

Sports

Men's Hockey drops two straight at home

Team plays tough against nationally ranked Middlebury, Norwich

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SPORTS WRITER

Despite playing some of its best hockey of the year last weekend, the Hamilton men's hockey team left Sage Rink winless, dropping their record to 6-8-1.

The Conts held leads on both Middlebury and Norwich, two teams that have held top five rankings nationally this season, before late flurries handed Hamilton the losses.

"We're a little frustrated right now, because we played two very good teams tough, and except for a couple of mental lapses, we outplayed them. We need to make sure that we can be consistent for 60 minutes, continue charging for the end," said coach Grady.

Friday's contest with the Panthers of Middlebury was played before a packed house, and the Continentals came out firing, managing 18 shots in the first period alone.

A hitting from behind penalty at the 1:31 mark gave Hamilton it's first powerplay, and Rob Gordon '03 took advantage. His first of two first-period goals gave the home team an early 1-0 edge.

After an unassisted goal by Middlebury's Kevin Cooper, the Panthers would take the lead on a powerplay goal of their own at the 8:27 mark of the first. Gordon's second came on a J.P. Acosta '02 pass, his team-leading ninth assist of the year, which notched it at 2-2. But a mere 14 seconds later, Middlebury would reclaim the lead on a very nice goal at the 17:26 mark.

Kevin Audit '03 would strike back to open the second on a Tom Ditzer '04 assist, which deadlocked it at 3-3.

The Conts and Panthers would trade powerplay goals before the second period came to a close, as the penalty-killing units remained ineffective.

Hamilton continued to attack the net, Ditzer and Audit teamed up again, with Ditzer lighting the lamp for his fourth time this season and giving the Conts a 5-4 lead on the number two ranked Panthers.

But with just under eight minutes remaining in the game, another Middlebury power play goal seemed to knock all the life out of the Conts. They stopped playing the brand of hockey they'd been playing for two and half periods, and the Panthers connected on four of their eleven shots in the final period, to close it out 8-5.

Acosta commented, "The Middlebury game showed us that we are able to do some great things within our system, but until we can play a full three periods, we're just not going to win big games."

"We're playing pretty good hockey right now, but we still have to take steps to become a top-tier team in the NESCAC. We have the ability, but until we can put it all together for a full game, we won't be there. Look at a team like Middlebury who won four or five national championships in a row, they won't close up shop at the 55th o the 56th minute, they play a full 60, and that's why they win," continued Acosta.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Forward Jeff Corey '04 moves in front of the Middlebury goalkeeper and waits for a pass from a teammate during their game on Friday.

On the heels of the very disappointing loss to Middlebury came an equally challenging test, the defending national champion Norwich Cadets. But early on, the Continentals seemed on a mission, having a huge first period as they completely dominated the visitors.

Jeff Corey '04, Sean Smith '01, and captain Cory Dorzek '01, provided the scoring as Hamilton jumped out to a 3-0 lead. Despite a Cadet goal at the 6:14 mark of the second, the Conts were prepared to go into the locker room with a 3-1 lead.

Unfortunately, Norwich was not. They scored twice within the period's last 43 seconds, including a heartbreaking buzzerbeater by Norwich's Keith Maurice. After that strong momentum swing, the Cadets would not look back. They added three third-period goals on netminder Mike Kaufman '01, to take the win, 6-3.

"We played well in both games, we played really hard, but basically there were about four minutes each game that we'd like to have back. When you play teams like those, you can't afford to have those mistakes. We need to play the same way we were, to play with confidence, but when it's late in the game we need to stay focused and not have those mental lapses," said Gordon.

"We've been working exceptionally hard, but we put ourselves under a lot of pressure, and we tend to play the score sometimes instead of the game," commented Grady.

"When we do that, good teams capitalize. We have two more tough games coming up against Trinity and Amherst, and we can beat both of them if we play our game. We have set a goal to hold our opponents to three goals or less, and if we can do that we should be fine," added Grady.

The Continentals travel to Amherst on Friday and Trinity on Saturday for what should be two more very important tests.

Jeff Corey '04 said, "Trinity is going to be a big game for us. They knocked off both Norwich and Middlebury, and are close to the top five in the nation. We need to work on finishing games, playing 60 minutes instead of 50, and if we can do that against Amherst or Trinity, we should be able to get going in the right direction again."

In addition to the varsity team, the junior varsity men's hockey team hosted the 2001 Hamilton College Invitational last weekend, and earned the runner-up award.

They played very well, but were narrowly defeated 4-3 in a very tight game by the Boston Bulldogs, who took home the trophy. The lone Hamilton player to earn all-tournament honors was forward Brian Cohen '03.

Men's basketball off the mark against Union, Hobart

by Chris Preston '03
SPORTS WRITER

It's a funny sport, basketball. Controlling the boards, playing tough defense, running the fast break, and putting forth tremendous effort are all well and good, but the ultimate object of the game is to put the ball in the basket.

While shooting the ball well can cover up deficiencies in other aspects of the game, shooting the ball poorly can just as easily lessen the importance of a tough defense and crisp offense.

The men's basketball team knows this all too well. Shooting the ball with pinpoint accuracy has been a staple of the fast-breaking Continentals for quite some time.

However, that has not been true of late.

Consider this: senior Jim McCarthy, long regarded as Hamilton's three-point specialist and perhaps its most prolific marksman, was an astounding two for 29 from the field last week in games against Union, Skidmore, and at Hobart. And he's not alone.

In those three games the Continentals were a combined nine for 49 from three point land, good for less than 20 percent.

But, as Coach Tom Murphy explained, the Continentals have been playing well, "The effort is good, our defense has been tough, we're getting good shots. (But) we're just not making any shots."

This was apparent in all three of the Continentals' games last week, a frustrating stretch which saw the Continentals outscore their opponents yet lose two of the three games.

The game against a scrappy Union squad last Friday night was especially intense, as the Continentals hustled up and down the court, playing stingy defense and finding open men on offense.

That, along with a superhuman effort from star center Kris Fudge '01, who registered a double-double with 26 points and eleven rebounds, were not enough to overcome the team's shooting woes, as they shot 41 percent from the floor and just 18.8 percent from beyond the arc.

In the end, Union, much to the delight of their classless and cocky fans, pulled out the victory, 73-69.

Despite the loss, the team showed no signs of frustration the next day as they easily polished off Skidmore, 77-60.

Kevin Yanni '03 led the way with 15 points, helping the Continentals gain a measure of redemption from the previous night's loss.

While the shooting was improved (46 percent, 33 percent from three-point land), it would have to get better if they planned on winning at Hobart Tuesday night, who came into the game with a 9-4 overall mark and 4-0 in UCAA play.

Unfortunately for the Continentals, it only got worse.

The team once again played well but failed to put the ball in the basket with much consistency, shooting a dismal 37 percent for the game and a "you can't be serious" one for 18 from downtown.

McCarthy had his worst game of the season, scoring zero points in 20 minutes on 0 for 12 shooting.

Still, in the end, the Continentals had a chance to steal a victory on the taller Hobart team's home court thanks to 20 and 16 points from post players Joe Finley '03 and Fudge respectively.

However, their inability to make a shot down the stretch was too much for Finley, Fudge, and their swarming defense to overcome, as the Continentals succumbed to a good Hobart team, 67-62 in overtime.

"We had the last shot and missed

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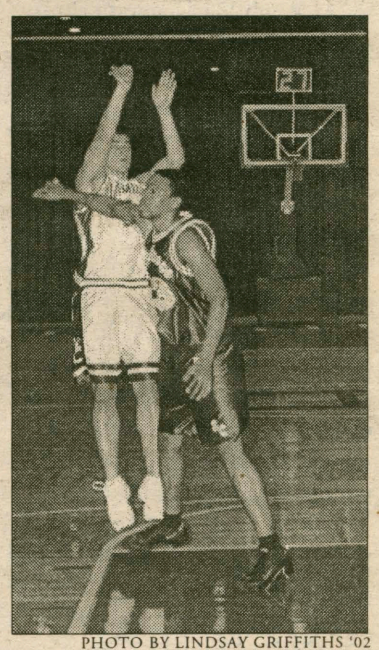

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Swingman Joe Smith '04 shoots over a defender.